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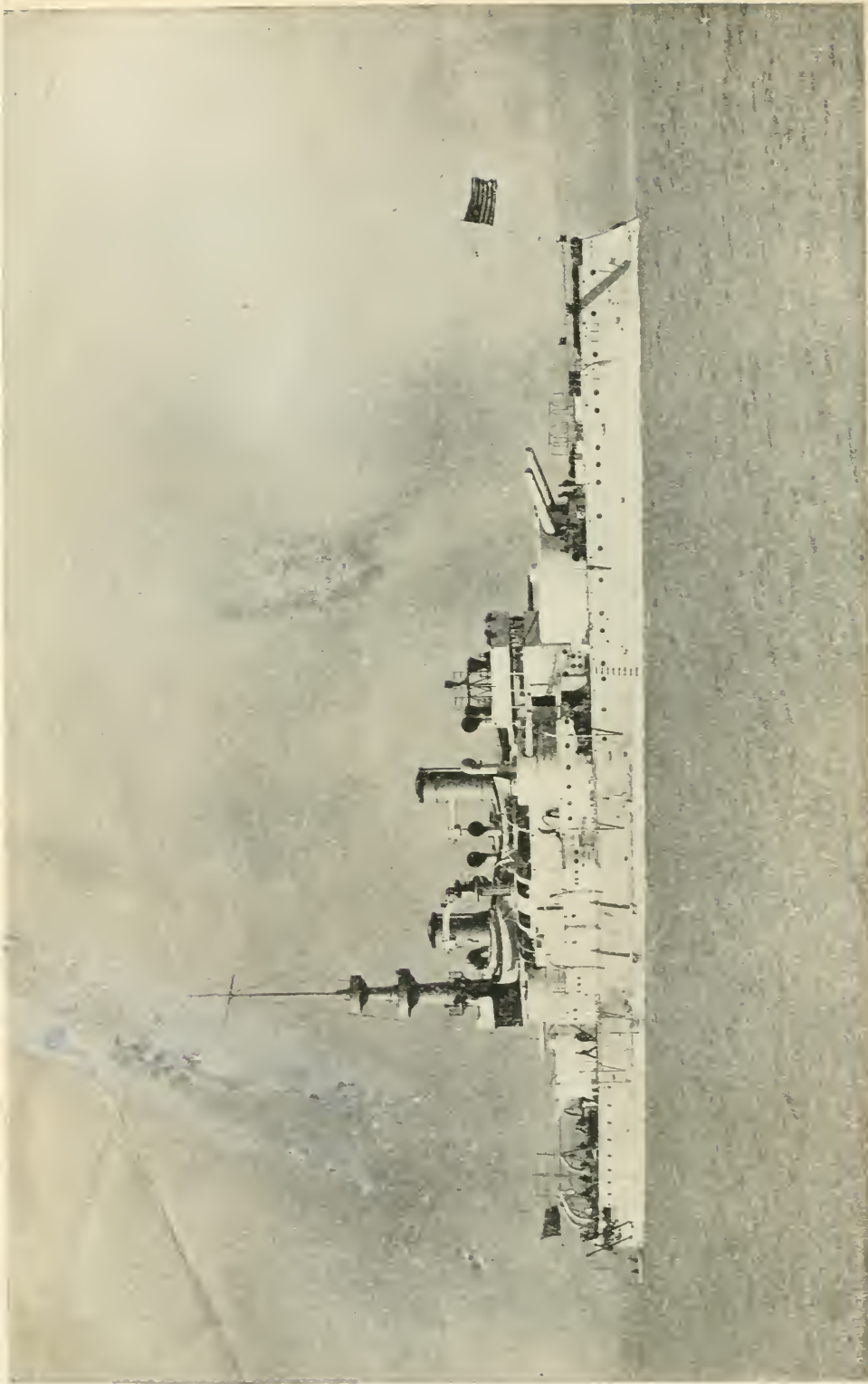
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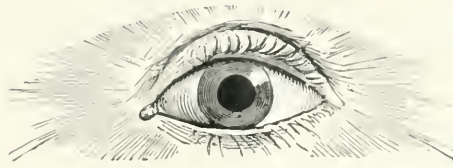
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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: We, *Wm. R. Humes*
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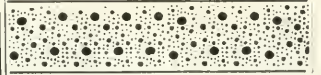
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The Golden Jubilee Celebration has always appealed to the many thousands of Odd Fellows in the State since first proposed. The preliminaries of this, as in all movements of this character, were started by a few with hardly any definite ideas as to what the celebration should consist of or how the Order in general should be interested.

On July 11, 1898, by a resolution introduced in California Lodge No. 1, the Noble Grand, Brother C. E. Post, appointed a committee to make arrangements for the proper observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the instituting of that Lodge—the founding of the Order on this Coast. The committee, consisting of Brothers Henry S. Jones, P. G.; William T. Galloway, P. G. P.; John G. Wetmore, P. G.; Reinhold L. Anderson, P. G.; and Charles E. Benedict, P. G., recommended that an invitation be extended to all the Lodges, Encampments, Rebekah Lodges, and Cantons in the Grand Jurisdiction to send a delegate to meet with a committee from California Lodge to perfect plans for a Golden Jubilee Celebration.

The recommendation of the committee was unanimously approved. A letter was accordingly sent setting forth the object of the call, and inviting delegates to meet in San Francisco on October 26, 1898. This letter was enthusiastically received, delegates named, some Lodges from locations finding it inconvenient to send delegates appointed proxies, with the result that at the calling of the meeting 275 delegates were noted present—Sacramento, San Jose, Willows, Santa Rosa, Stockton, Fresno and many other towns of equal distance having personal representation.

The convention organized by electing as President, H. S. Jones; Vice-Presidents, Karl C. Brueck, J. W. Harris, Mrs. Dell C. Savage, General C. C. Sherman; Secretary, U. S. G. Clifford; Treasurer, George T. Shaw, to which have since been added as Vice-Presidents W. A. Bonygne and Mrs. Helen M. Carpenter.

Several meetings of the general convention were held, the days for celebrating were fixed as October 18th, 19th and 20th, the various committees were decided upon, and the Golden Jubilee movement was successfully launched. By a resolution an Executive Committee took charge of the details and direction of the celebration—such Executive Committee consisting of the elective officers and the chairmen of the various committees.

The Executive Committee went actively to work, the various committees were filled, members became more and more enthusiastic over the project, the Lodges of San Francisco and elsewhere responded most liberally to the appeals for money, and now the largest and most successful celebration of any secret Order ever held on this Coast is upon us.

All this has not been accomplished without much work and devotion by the members. The Chairman of each committee has given his time to the detail of his committee and reports have been made to the Executive Committee which has met every Saturday. That Committee has carefully weighed each proposition, and, when the final report is made to the Lodge, it will be seen the greatest care and economy has been practiced.

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U. S. G. CLIFFORD,

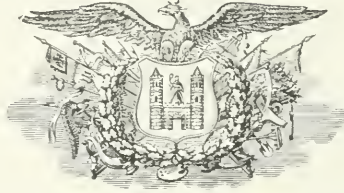
Assistant Grand Secretary.

Brother U. S. G. Clifford was born in Oroville, California, January 5, 1864. He was initiated in Yerba Buena Lodge No. 15, September 24, 1885; installed Noble Grand, January 3, 1895; installed Degree Master of Excelsior Degree Lodge No. 2, January 5, 1895, and installed as President of General Relief Committee of San Francisco, February 3, 1895, filling the three positions at the same time. He was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary January 1, 1897, and is at present engaged in that position. He is also Past Chief Patriarch of Golden Gate Encampment No. 1, having presided over that body during the term beginning July 1, 1897.



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THOMAS WILDEY

Thomas Wildey, who has been appropriately designated "The Founder of American Odd Fellowship," was born in London, January 15, 1782, and in 1805 united with a Lodge of Odd Fellows in England, and became an active worker therein until his removal to the United States, which was in 1817. Settling in Baltimore and engaging in his trade—blacksmith—he found time hanging heavily on his hands, therefore, aided by four others, who, like him, had been members of the parent organization, he organized, April 26, 1819, Washington Lodge No. 1, and became its first Noble Grand. The names of his confrères were John Welch, John Duncan, John Cheatham and Richard Rusworth.

On February 5, 1821, the Past Grands of the two Lodges then in existence met for preliminary organization, and on the 21st of the same month the "Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States" (title since changed to the Sovereign Grand Lodge) was organized, and Thomas Wildey was elected Grand Sire, which position he held until the session of 1833. For the next eight years he traveled in the interest of the Order, organizing Grand Lodges in several States and remaining an active, earnest worker, being present at each session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge until his death, which took place October 19, 1861, in his 80th year. On September 20, 1865, there was, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, dedicated to his memory a stately monument erected by funds given by the various jurisdictions, and to which California contributed \$3,000. "He laid the corner stone of that temple on which American Odd Fellowship has, by other hands and hearts, been builded to such wonderful proportions."

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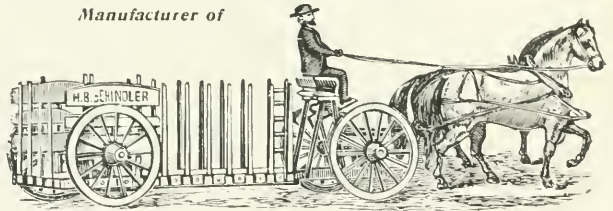
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But the Order we so love was not born on these golden shores. Like the Sons of the Revolution, we are but the children of sires who crossed the more turbulent Ocean of the Atlantic, and erected their Altars on the eastern shores of this great continent, upon which had been founded a Republic, feeble at first,



JOHN WELCH

but so dominated with the spirit of human freedom that it has since grown to be the mightiest nation of the earth, in all that makes nations great, and upon whose empire the sun now never sets.

So with our Republic of Fraternity. Our fathers came over the sea, already "selected out of the general mass, with a desire for true knowledge,"* and eighty years ago, at the city of Baltimore, on the shores of Chesapeake Bay, they erected the first Altar of American Odd Fellowship and founded our Independent Order—a Republican Fraternity—which, like the Republic of Freedom, has spread over the face of the earth, until now the sun never sets upon its banners.

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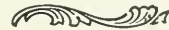
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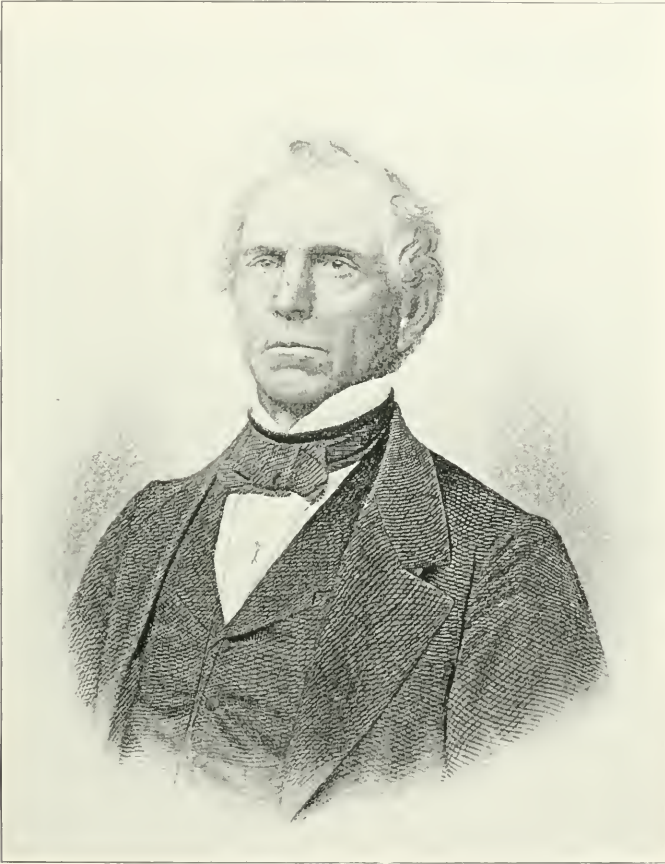
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JAMES L. RIDGELY

James L. Ridgely was born in Baltimore, the birthplace of American Odd Fellowship, January 27, 1807. Studied law and was admitted to practice in June, 1828. He became one of the prominent citizens of that city, holding many positions in the municipal administration of its affairs.

He joined Columbia Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F., May 27, 1829; was a member of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in 1830, and of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1831. He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in 1830, and Grand Master in the following year. He was twice elected to the office of Grand Sire (1836 and 1840), declining in both instances, and in 1840, after his second declination as Grand Sire, was elected Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, which position he held until the date of his death. He was appointed one of the Special Committee to revise the Ritual at the session of 1845, and "to his brain and pen we owe one of the grandest charges in the order, and which will ever stand as a true expression of our fundamental principles." He passed from earth November 16, 1881, mourned by the entire brotherhood, and was buried in Greenmount Cemetery in the city of his birth. A magnificent monument was erected to his memory, but, as has been well said, "The true monument to our dead brother will be the loving remembrance in which he is held by thousands of his brothers and by countless thousands yet to come. Nor marble nor brass can be so enduring a monument as the memory of his name and deeds."

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SAMUEL H. PARKER, First Grand Master

Samuel H. Parker was born in New Hampshire, July 23, 1818. Went to Massachusetts, where he was admitted to the bar, and joined New England Lodge No. 4, Cambridge, Mass., on November 4, 1842. Returned to New Hampshire and was elected Grand Master and Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from that State. Came to California in 1852, commissioned as Deputy Grand Sire, and on May 17, 1853, having called together the Past Grands of the six lodges then in existence, organized the Grand Lodge of California, and was elected its first Grand Master. He was elected as Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in May, 1856, serving two years in that body. He was the first Grand Patriarch of this jurisdiction, having been elected at the organization of the Grand Encampment, January 8, 1855. Ever earnest in the work of the Order, fully imbued with its principles, and realizing in it one of the great educational influences of the age, he gave of his time and money to the building up of the Odd Fellows' Library of San Francisco, which for many years was the leading library of the city. He laid down the burdens of life on March 14, 1866. "His works in behalf of our Order have passed into history, and his memory will be cherished with veneration and gratitude, and long abide in the affections of his brethren."

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Cedar and Temple streets. The last meeting of the Lodge was held at his house September 20, 1813, when, owing to reduced membership and sparse attendance, its meetings were suspended indefinitely. In 1816 Prince Regents Lodge was self-instituted in the same city, but its existence was very brief, and nothing is now known of its history beyond the fact of its institution.

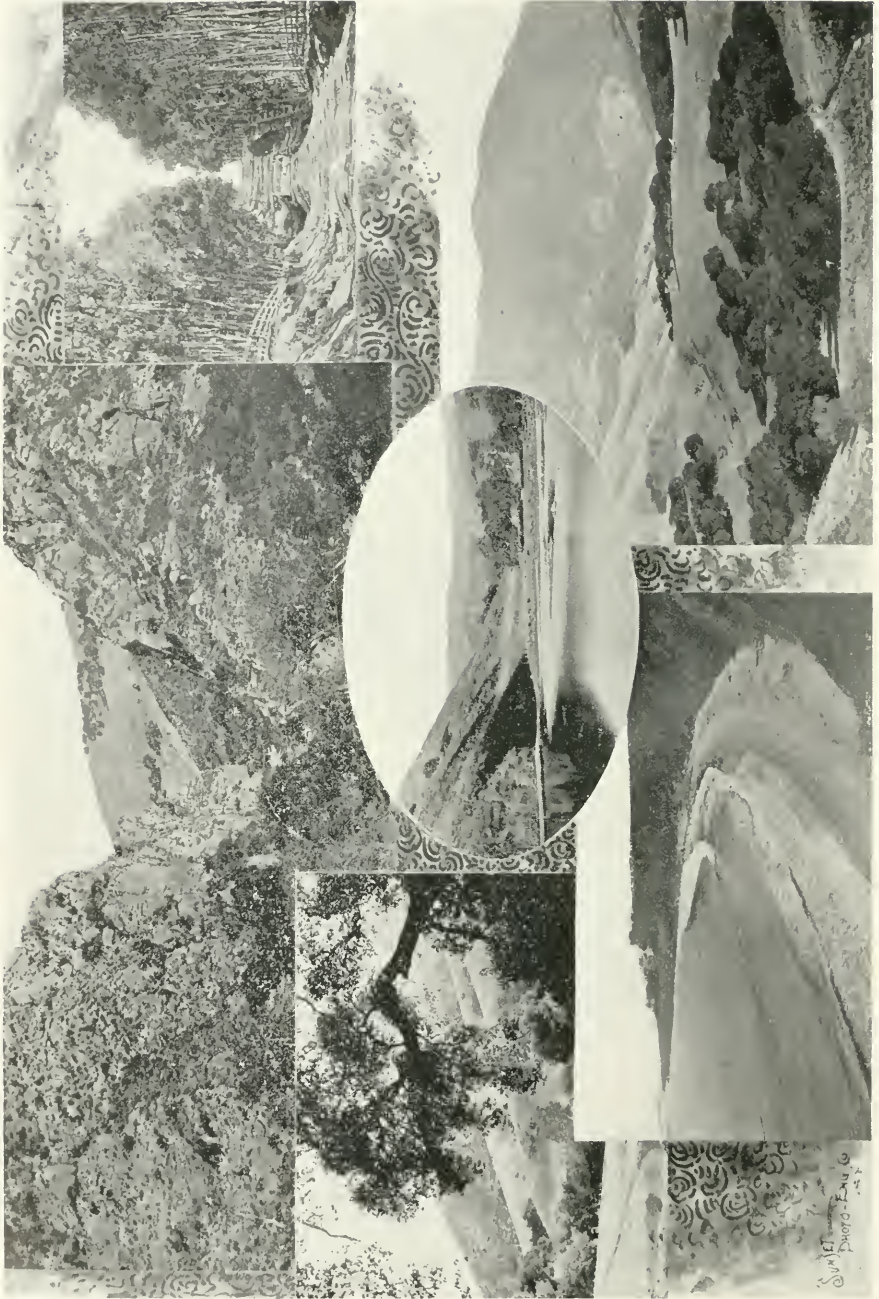
December 23, 1818, Skakspeare Lodge was reinstated by Bros. William Moore, Thomas Hilson, Hopkins Robinson and James Pritchard, of the former membership, and Bros. Robert C. Maywood and Geo. Singleton as adjoining members. It was claimed that a charter had been received from Manchester, England, recognizing this Lodge as the supreme head of the Order in the United States, but of this there is now no attainable evidence, and if such a charter did exist its validity has never been acknowledged by Lodges subsequently organized.



T. RODGERS JOHNSON

T. Rodgers Johnson was born at Philadelphia, February 13, 1821, and soon after attaining his majority was initiated into Minerva Lodge No. 224, of Philadelphia. Shortly after his arrival in this State he became one of the petitioners for, and a charter member of, San Francisco Lodge No. 3, which was instituted in 1851, retaining his membership therein until death. He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California at its first session, May, 1853, continuing in that office until May, 1875. Was the first Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of this State, being elected in 1855, and held said office continuously until called hence. Was Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1858. His life's journey closed at Santa Barbara, January 12, 1876, his last words being "Oh, how pleasant." Ever faithful to the principles of Odd Fellowship, "his history is written by his own hand in the journals of our Order."

Massachusetts also lays some claim to seniority in Odd Fellowship over our recognized "Mother Lodge." This grows out of the fact that in 1817, James B. Barnes, the "father" of Odd Fellowship in that jurisdiction, an English Odd Fellow, came to Boston and by the autumn of 1818 had found one Wilson, another Englishman, Thomas Kennedy, an Irishman, Jacob Myers, of



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Jewish parentage, and H. D. Fregere, a Frenchman, all of whom had been initiated in England, and they five commenced holding Lodge meetings at the "Bell in Hand"—Wilson's ale house, and kept them up with some degree of regularity, but without keeping any records, until March 20, 1820, when they adopted by-laws and ushered into existence Massachusetts Lodge No. 1 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. They were then in ignorance of the existence of any other Lodge in America. They subsequently, however, on the 9th of June, 1823, received and accepted from "The Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States" a formal charter, and recognized that body as the sovereign of the Order in this country. Prior to doing that, however, they had secured for their purposes the old Masonic Hall of Boston, and on February 22, 1823, they had the honor of dedicating it to the uses and purposes of Odd Fellowship—the first hall so dedicated in the United States.

Our Mother Lodge.—Washington Lodge No. 1, of Baltimore, Md., is now universally recognized as the parent Lodge of our Independent Order, and the City of Baltimore as the cradle of the Order. In 1818 at that city, Thomas Wildey and John Welch, both Englishmen, each found that the other was an Odd Fellow, and commenced to search for others, with a view to forming a Lodge. On the 26th of April, 1819, after considerable effort and some advertising, they, with three others who had also been initiated in England—John Duncan, John Cheatham and Richard Rushworth—assembled at the "Seven Stars," on Second street, at seven o'clock P. M., and constituted themselves "Washington Lodge of Odd Fellows," with Thomas Wildey as Noble Grand. To this Lodge a warrant or dispensation was granted February 1, 1820, by the Duke of York's Lodge in England, entitling it "No. 1, Washington's Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America," recognizing it as the first established in the United States, and empowering it to issue warrants or dispensations to a number of brothers of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in any State of the Union. From this small germ, with only five lone leaves unfolding to the sun, the mighty oak hath grown until, having reached the age of only eighty years, its branches overshadow not only our own continent, but have also taken root in Cuba, Chili, Denmark, France, the German Empire, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Peru, the Hawaiian Islands, Sweden, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania, furnishing grateful shade to upwards of sixteen thousand two hundred altars and 2,648 tents of our Order, inculcating the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, through an active membership of over one million one hundred thousand men and women, and distributing about three million four hundred thousand dollars per annum annually for the relief of distress, the burial of the dead and the education of the orphan. The annual revenues for the year 1897—the last for which we yet have complete returns—amounted to \$8,846,259.90, and the Order then held invested funds to the amount of \$26,388,695.74, all of which is held in trust for the benevolent purposes indicated by the annual expenditures above mentioned. During its early history its membership was ostracised by the great mass of the community, because it was a secret society whose objects and purposes were little known or understood,—its Lodges were scattered, communication between them infrequent and uncertain, and no complete record of its growth, numerically or financially, during the first eleven years of its history, has been compiled, but from 1830 to December 31, 1897, there were initiated into the subordinate Lodges 2,197,196 mem-

bers, and the expenditures for relief made during the same period amounted to \$77,480,656.11.

Washington Lodge No. 1, in its early history, was not free from disturbing elements; but these finally withdrew, and formed Franklin Lodge No. 2. The legal existence of the latter, however, was not recognized until chartered by the Grand Lodge, August 22, 1821. During this year these were the only Lodges in existence in America known to the Order in Maryland. Up to this time matters of importance in the Order were referred to and managed by Committee of Past Grands, who represented in a crude way the ideas later embodied in the organization of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and it ultimately became the proud privilege of such a committee to organize a Grand Lodge of legislative



JOHN FREDERICK MORSE, Past Grand Master.

Born in Essex, Vermont, December 27, 1815. In 1842 received his degree as Doctor of Medicine. Initiated into Atlantic Lodge No. 50 at Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1841, passing the Chairs in that Lodge in 1846, and was returned as a representative to the Grand Lodge of New York, taking his seat in that body in August, 1846. Arrived in San Francisco August 30, 1849, settling in Sacramento and resuming the practice of his profession. He was one of the foremost in establishing the "Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Sacramento," that association that labored so earnestly during the prevalence of the cholera, by which that place suffered so much. He was the fifth President of the Society of California Pioneers. In 1851 he withdrew from his Eastern Lodge and joined Sacramento Lodge No. 2. He was one of the petitioners for a charter for the Grand Lodge of California, and represented his Lodge at the organization and first session of that body in 1853. Elected Grand Master in 1851. In 1871 he was elected a Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, serving two years. Having visited Europe in 1869, he was commissioned by Grand Sire Farnsworth as Deputy Grand Sire, with authority to institute the Order in Germany and Switzerland. Although taken prisoner in the then existing war between Prussia and France, he accomplished his mission and established the Order in both of these jurisdictions. On his return to this country he received the unanimous thanks of his own Grand Lodge, of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and a magnificent testimonial from the Grand Lodge of Germany, the same being presented to him in open session of our Grand Lodge by A. C. Bradford, then Grand Master, in May, 1873. In 1874 he started for Australia bearing a new commission for work in that country, but failing health necessitated his return after reaching Honolulu, and this was the only commission he ever failed to execute. He died in San Francisco December 30, 1874. Like Parker and Bohen, he rests in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery, "that sacred Mountain of the Dead dedicated by our rites and consecrated to our Order." "Their example is a light to our path and a guide to our feet."

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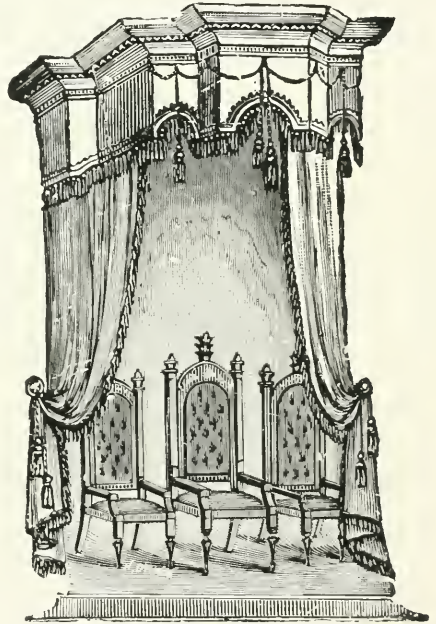
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On the 21st of February, 1821, this Committee of Five Past Grands organized "The Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows." Their names should be inscribed high, and in enduring form, upon the scroll of Fame. They were, THOMAS WILDEY, who was chosen Grand Master, and who faithfully served as such and as Grand Sire, for twelve successive years; JOHN P. EXTWISTLE, Deputy Grand Master; WILLIAM S. COUTH, Grand Warden; JOHN WELCH, Grand Secretary, and JOHN BOYD, Grand Treasurer and Grand Guardian. To this Grand Lodge, Washington Lodge No. 1 surrendered its English Charter, and accepted one from this Grand Body in lieu thereof, and by it a dispensation was also granted to Franklin Lodge No. 2. The next Lodge established by this Grand Lodge was Columbia Lodge No. 3, of Baltimore, into which the venerable Joshua Vansant, who in later life for many years served the Sovereign Grand Lodge as its Grand Treasurer, was one of its first initiates. During the year 1823 Lodges in Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts were established or reorganized, and recognized the organization in Baltimore as the head of the Order in America. In 1824 measures were taken to separate the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, and January 15, 1825, a meeting was held at Baltimore to organize the Grand Lodge of the United States, as the Supreme Body in America, at which the Grand Lodges of the four States mentioned were represented in person or by duly appointed proxy. The proposed separation was approved, and a constitution was adopted, and father Wildey was elected Grand Master, but in the following year this title was changed to Grand Sire. Subsequently, and on the 15th of May, 1826, the Grand Master and officers of the Movable Committee of the Manchester Unity in England, voluntarily issued and forwarded as a free gift, to the Grand Lodge so organized, a ratification of the charter before granted by the Duke of York Lodge to the brethren in Baltimore, authorizing the Grand Sire and officers of the "*Grand Lodge of America to conduct the business of Odd Fellowship without the interference of any other country, so long as the said business of Odd Fellowship is conducted according to the principles of Odd Fellowship.*" This charter was issued in response to a visit of Grand Sire Wildey to the Order in England, where his reception was one grand ovation throughout, bearing every evidence of fraternal love.

This is, perhaps, enough to show "the beginning of things" in America, with that Grand Order whose independence, as has been seen, was fully recognized and acknowledged, and the fiftieth anniversary of whose organization on the shores of the Pacific is now to be celebrated, under the setting sun of the nineteenth century. Before proceeding to a review of its history on these western shores, it is perhaps as well to note the fact, that before the conquest of the land in which we live, the Independent Order had become one not only devoted

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to "mutual relief," as was the parent Order in the mother country, and had engraven upon its sacred seal the command of our law, "Visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan," but had also become an intellectual association, devoting itself to the improvement and elevation of the character of men, enlightening the minds and improving the morals of mankind, warring against vice in all its forms. To this end, before the flag of our country floated over California soil, the Order had remodeled its ritual, and so improved its lectures and charges as to make them burn with eloquence, and move the hearts and mould the characters of men whenever listened to, inspiring them with a spirit of reverence for their Creator, Fidelity to their Country, and Love for their fellow men. All this had been designed from the beginning, but it was finally accomplished under the leadership and guidance of the



L. L. ALEXANDER, Past Grand Master

He was the seventh Grand Master of California and is the senior one now living. The following sketch of his life and work in Odd Fellowship was published in the *New Age*, and written by the editor, Wm. H. Barnes, in his sketches of Veteran Odd Fellows:

"It would require more than the entire capacity of the *New Age* to do justice to the life work and service of this beloved brother; his work is a part of the history of Odd Fellowship on this Coast, and from August 15, 1850, the day upon which he arrived in California, up to this date, he has ever been in the harness and in the van of every good work to advance the interest of the institution which he loves. He was born in Winchester, N. H., October 2, 1828, and twenty-one years later, in October, 1849, he was initiated in Hampden Lodge No. 27, of Springfield, Mass. He was a charter member of Sonora Lodge No. 10, of this State, instituted June 7, 1853; withdrew by card in September, 1860, and joined Yerba Buena Lodge No. 15, of San Francisco, October 4, 1860. He also assisted in organizing Bald Mountain Encampment No. 1, of Sonora, in which he held at different times all the elective offices except Treasurer, and acted as deputy for both branches of the Order in Tuolumne County for a number of years. He entered the Grand Lodge of California at the Stockton session of 1855, and has missed but three sessions of the Grand Lodge since that time, and then he was out of the State at the date of the sessions. Earnest, untiring, and a man of undoubted principle, ever on the side of right, ever fearless to rebuke wrong, he has a large place in the hearts of the members of the Order, not only on this Coast but throughout the continent. He was elected Grand Warden in 1857, Deputy Grand Master in 1858, Grand Master in 1859, and has several times been sent to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

"In 1850 on his journey to California by way of the Isthmus he was detained at Panama from the middle of April to the last of July, and there assisted in organizing the Odd Fellows' Association, which did much good in caring for the sick and burying the dead among the thousands who were waiting there to get passage to California, and this was of great value, as much sickness prevailed. He was, and is, an ardent supporter of the degree of Rebekah; in the early sixties was one of a committee to collect data upon the subject; in 1863 he was the moving spirit in having a digest of our Grand Lodge compiled, and was appointed a committee

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of one by Grand Master Kendall to prepare the work, which he did, and thus gave the Grand Lodge of California its first compiled digest. In 1880 he introduced a resolution whereby an old member desiring to change his membership could petition and be elected in another Lodge before taking his withdrawal card, which was afterwards adopted. In April, 1877, he participated in the organization of the Veteran Odd Fellows' Association of California and assisted in framing its laws, the introduction to which he wrote. He served as Vice-President of the Veterans in 1878 and as President in 1879. In 1883 he began to urge upon the S. G. L. the advantage of admitting to the order members at the age of 18 years, and the same year as a representative of California at the session held at Providence, R. I., he proposed an amendment upon the subject, and in 1884 and 1885 he strenuously urged the adoption of the amendment. A very important part of the ritual of the military branch is from his suggestion. In 1883 he was on a special committee to examine the report upon the advisability of establishing a home for the aged and indigent Odd Fellows in this jurisdiction and reported favorably. While the above is but the briefest outline, yet it suffices to show that this 'Grand Old Man,' who is still with us, has been a power for good to the Order and to humanity."

Through all the years, since his first connection with Odd Fellowship, he "has had the work harness on." His business for many years was superintending mines. His first public address upon Odd Fellowship was at the celebration of the fortieth anniversary by all the bodies of the Order in Tuolumne County, California, at Sonora, April 26, 1859. He was then Deputy Grand Master of this State and officiated on that occasion at the dedication of the Odd Fellows' Cemetery and the I. O. O. F. Hall now owned by the Order in Sonora. While superintending the Father DeSmett Mine in the Black Hills, Dakota, in 1880, he was commissioned by the Grand Sire to institute Black Hills Encampment at Deadwood, and assisted at the institution of subordinate lodges at Central City and Spear Fish. The following item is from the *Free Press*, published at Bodie, California, April 23, 1881:

"On Tuesday next is the occasion of the celebration by Bodie Lodge No. 279, I. O. O. F., of the sixty-third anniversary of the introduction of Odd Fellowship into the United States, and Col. L. L. Alexander, superintendent of the May Lundy Mine, in Homer District, has been selected to fill the position of orator. The selection is a most excellent one, as all will agree who know Col. Alexander, and an eloquent, instructive and rare literary treat may be expected. Col. Alexander is devotedly attached to the high moral principles of Odd Fellowship; is a gentleman of culture and breadth of mind, and a gifted orator, and, but for his innate modesty and devotion to the business of mining, would long since have become one of the leading and most influential men in the politics of the State."

He has delivered many addresses upon Odd Fellowship and takes as much interest in the work of all branches of the Order as ever. Though past three score and ten years of age he is vigorous and active, and ready to respond to any call of duty.

immortal RIDGELY—a brother who was initiated into Columbia Lodge No. 3 of Baltimore, May 23, 1829, and who became the greatest among all the apostles of the Order, bringing it out of darkness into light, making his name a household word among the fraternity the world over, honored and beloved wherever our altar has been erected. This glorious work was adopted in 1845, and went into effect January 1, 1846—eight months before California became a portion of the territory of the United States.

The first Lodge of our beloved Order permanently organized in California was California Lodge No. 1, located in San Francisco. It was regularly instituted September 9, 1849, just one year to a day before the State was admitted into the Union. There had been earlier attempts at organization. The first of these was in December, 1847, when a few brothers met at the Portsmouth House, and without authority of law organized themselves as a Lodge of Odd Fellows, and subsequently fitted up a Lodge Room at Clark's Point, supplied themselves with books and regalia, and entered upon the charitable work of the Order, but there is no evidence that they ever attempted to initiate, or confer degrees, although they did admit other members holding cards, until they numbered thirty-six. Upon the discovery of gold, however, in 1848, they burned all their books and papers, stored there regalia, broke up the association, and fled to the mines. In the latter part of 1848 another attempt was made to organize a Lodge, but it was never properly instituted.

CALIFORNIA NO. 1 was organized under a dispensation granted by Grand Sire Horn R. Kneass, dated January 12, 1849, issued to Brothers Samuel J. Torbet, Charles Justis, Frank M. Caldwell, George H. Weaver, John Willets, and James Smiley, then of Philadelphia, but about to start for California. Three of these brothers arrived with the books and papers May 26, 1849, but a sufficient number possessed of the requisite cards were not assembled until the 9th of September following, although an unsuccessful attempt was made in August, by means of a crier ringing a bell through the streets, and announcing a meeting for the purpose of considering the organization of a Lodge. A large number responded to the call, representing every State in the Union, but among all a sufficient number with cards could not be found. So far as we can now learn,

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JOHN BROWN HARMON

Born in Ohio in 1822, he removed to Louisiana, and shortly after reaching his majority united with Templar Lodge No. 17 of that jurisdiction, located at New Orleans. Came to California in 1849 and located at Sacramento, where he joined Capitol Lodge No. 87; passing the Chairs in that Lodge and entering the Grand Lodge of California as one of its Representatives in May, 1852. Elected Grand Master in 1869, and, besides attending to the usual duties of that office, was the principal Representative in receiving and entertaining the Sovereign Grand Lodge on the occasion of its first visit to this State, in September, 1863. Elected the following year as Grand Representative, he at once took a prominent part in the deliberations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and in September, 1876, was elected Deputy Grand Sire. While filling that office he was sent as a Special Commissioner to Australia and New Zealand to adjust differences between those jurisdictions and the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and to instruct them in the work and laws of the Order, which duties he performed in a most satisfactory manner. In 1878 he was unanimously elected Grand Sire, the highest office in the gift of the Order, and one which he filled ably, and, as in all other stations, with honor to himself and to the Jurisdiction that numbered him among its members. An attorney of more than ordinary ability and of high standing in the legal fraternity, his love for his fellow-man directed his energies to the fraternal field, and Odd Fellowship was to him a living principle. His life-work was for the Order, and his best thoughts and labors were given to its advancement. A ripe scholar, he devoted his energies to the upbuilding of Odd Fellowship and to the elucidation of its sublime teachings. "His memory is dear to us and his example one to be emulated." His death occurred on February 7, 1899, and on February 9th he was laid to rest by loving hands in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, in sight of that Golden Gate so dear to him. So long as Odd Fellowship blesses the world he will live in the hearts of its votaries.

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here destitute and stranded, and many of them sick from the exposures which they had endured in the long and weary journey across the continent, or the longer one by sea around the Horn or through the tropics, while others lost everything that they possessed very shortly after their arrival, by reason of the destructive fires which so often devastated the city in those early days; and old Pioneers tell us that during that period the Odd Fellows in this city must have expended fully \$100,000 in the relief of distress and the burial of the dead.

In these early days the appeals to the brethren in Sacramento for that benevolence enjoined by the teachings of our Order were, if possible, even more pressing than in San Francisco. That city of tents was the first resting place of the weary wanderers across the deserts, the mountains and the plains, from the "father of waters" in the East to the waters that washed the golden sands in the West, and, while it suffered greatly from the inundations of '49-50, it was also stricken, for the only time in the history of the State, with the terrible scourge of cholera, and the demand for active work "in visiting the sick, and burying the dead," was of the most pressing character. In August, 1849, the sojourning Odd Fellows, although personally unknown to each other, responded promptly to call, and organized a voluntary association for this practical work of the Order. Among the most active of its workers was a young doctor, Bro. John F. Morse, who early became one of the most zealous and highly esteemed among the membership in the jurisdiction, being chosen second Grand Master, and in 1870, under special commission from the Grand Sire having the distinguished honor of introducing and instituting the Order in Germany. This association of Odd Fellows, unknown to each other until called together by the pressing necessity for work in which they had been educated at our altars, continued its organization until January 28, 1851, when out of it SACRAMENTO LODGE NO. 2 was instituted by Past Grand James Smiley, Special Deputy Grand Sire, under a dispensation which was believed to be regular, with the following charter members: Lucius A. Booth, Wm. Childs, Martin C. Collins, N. C. Cunningham, Samuel Deal, M. Kalisher, G. H. Peterson, Horatio E. Roberts, Robert Robinson and George W. Wright.

After the organization of the Lodge, the good work was carried on in its name and under its direction, but in Sacramento, as in San Francisco, sojourning brethren, holding membership in and visiting cards from Eastern Lodges, and so disqualified from becoming members here, continued to assist the Lodge in all its labors of benevolence and love, as if enrolled among its membership.

San Francisco No. 3.—Brothers Jesse Boring, Philo White, I. Joseph, Edwin Hudson, R. O. Sturdivant, M. S. Buckelew, T. Rodgers Johnson and J. W. Young, having petitioned for a dispensation for the organization of a second Lodge in San Francisco, they were called together by D. D. Grand Sire Smiley, July 5, 1851, and San Francisco Lodge No. 3 was instituted and declared to be regularly organized. The whole proceeding was irregular, but the Lodge entered at once upon the beneficent work of Odd Fellowship, and still continues in that noble effort. At the time of the institution of the Grand Lodge it had the largest membership in the jurisdiction.

Eureka No. 4.—Somewhat in the same way a dispensation was irregularly issued to Past Grands W. J. Tilley, W. H. Watson, A. J. Lucas, T. M. Davis, George I. N. Monell, A. P. Andrews, R. Porter and Brothers Thomas Sunderland, John Turner and David Hall, for the institution of Eureka Lodge No. 4, at



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Sacramento, and the Lodge was organized January 7, 1852. It also has surmounted all the irregularities of its institution, and bears an honored name among the Lodges of the State.

Yuba No. 5.—At Marysville the early conditions were somewhat similar to those at Sacramento, although in lesser degree. Out of a preliminary association of Odd Fellows, formed for the relief of distress, grew up Yuba Lodge No. 5, but its organization was so irregular that, notwithstanding it still retains the number and is recognized as one of the pioneer Lodges of the State, it was unable to secure such recognition until after the institution of our Grand Lodge, and was regularly chartered by it. The following is a list of its petitioners for charter: L. B. Farrish, J. S. Benton, Samuel McHays, I. Totman, J. H. Scates,



WILLIAM HOWARD WATSON, Past Grand Master

William Howard Watson was born in New Jersey, December 30, 1810. He was initiated into Magnolia Lodge No. 12 of New Orleans in 1846, came to the Coast in August, 1850, and after short residence in Nevada and Washington Territories settled in California, joining Sacramento Lodge No. 2. Later he became a charter member of Eureka Lodge No. 4, when he finally located in San Francisco, he became a charter member of Alta Lodge No. 305, remaining a member of this Lodge up to the date of his death, September 28, 1898. In 1857 he was elected Grand Master from the floor. He was one of the founders of the Veteran Odd Fellows' Association and Treasurer of the San Francisco Library Association at the time of his death. His remains were deposited in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery. His life was quiet, his death peaceful, his disposition kindly, and his friends and brothers can point to him as one who was true to the obligations of Odd Fellowship and citizenship.

Thomas A. Stombs, Mark Brummagin, C. N. Gray, DeWitt Rice, Lewis Bodelet, J. G. B. Knapp, Arthur Pollock, R. Rush, R. T. Gilmore, J. Kaplar, J. W. Winter, John C. Fall and L. Hite.

Charity No. 6.—The Angel of Death first called together the Odd Fellows of Stockton, who until so called had been entirely unknown to each other. A dying stranger at the house of a resident asked to see an Odd Fellow. His host knew of none, but after considerable inquiry found a man who answered to the call,

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and cared for the sick brother until he died. Then he advertised to Odd Fellows to assemble and bury the brother. This call to duty rekindled the dormant fires of fraternal love, and a goodly number assembled and made themselves known to each other, and with tender hands bore the body of their stranger brother to its final rest. Out of this assembly Charity Lodge No. 6 was born. It was instituted February 14, 1852, under dispensation issued by Past Grand J. M. Coughlin, then acting as D. D. Grand Sire. The petitioners for the organization of this Lodge were E. G. Greenfield, P. G.; H. O. Matthews, P. G.; C. K. Chamberlain, P. G.; Samuel M. McLean, W. Garvin and J. I. Bixler. The Lodge has ever since proved itself a true Samaritan, worthy of the noble name it bears, and is to-day one of the best equipped for the dispensation of charity among the subordinate Lodges of the world.

Auburn No. 7 was instituted by Past Grand George I. N. Monell, under dispensation, October 7, 1852. The following were the petitioners for charter: James B. Squire, John F. Scott, James Bowen, James E. Miller and Hensen Hazell.

El Dorado No. 8.—This Lodge was organized at Sacramento, September 4, 1852, by Past Grand John F. Morse, under dispensation dated June 25, 1852. It was reorganized in January, 1853, by D. D. Grand Sire S. H. Parker—the former organization having been informal. The petitioning brothers were: Alex. Armstrong, Geo. W. Chedie, J. F. Cloutman, L. D. Kelley, John S. Kohn, James T. Scott, Lewis Korn, E. Joseph Levi, Thos. B. Morse, L. J. Polhemus and Walter Prosser.

These were the Pioneer Lodges of California, having some kind of organization before the institution of the Grand Lodge of the State: but they were three thousand miles from the seat of government of the Order—located in a then comparatively unknown land, with mail facilities which at the shortest took two months for the transmission of a letter and receipt of reply. Very few of the members ever had any direct relations with the governing body of the Order—they were without books or means of ascertaining what was required of them, and it is no wonder that organization was not only irregular but slow. Only one of them had been organized under legal authority of the G. L. U. S., until after the appointment of and report from Brother Samuel Hale Parker, a Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative from the East, who came out here commissioned as D. D. Grand Sire for the State, with the necessary authority to correct the errors of the past and put the irregular Lodges in line to secure recognition. He at once entered upon this work with such zeal and intelligence that by the 17th of May, 1853, he had removed the difficulties and secured the recognition of all except No. 5, and on that day, pursuant to call, the following Past Grands assembled in San Francisco for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge, to wit:

From California Lodge No. 1.—James Smiley, L. Ryan, P. B. Dexter, N. W. Moore, Charles Davis, J. M. Coughlin and L. F. Zantzinger.

From Sacramento Lodge No. 2.—Mathew Purdin, John F. Morse, David Kendall, C. C. Hayden, J. D. Persian, Cyrus Coffin, Newton Booth, Augustus Otto and Robert Robinson.

From San Francisco Lodge No. 3.—E. W. Graham, Samuel Hale Parker, T. Rodgers Johnson, Daniel Norcross, Noah Sutton, H. M. Heuston, Thomas Eadie, William Robertson and James W. Young.

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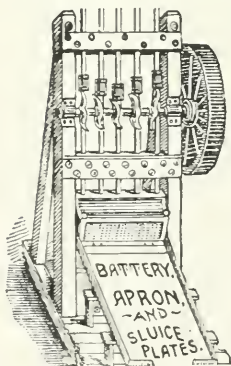
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From Eureka Lodge No. 4.—Prescott Robinson, W. H. Watson, Geo. I. N. Monell, A. J. Lucas, S. M. Veach, W. J. Tilley, Thomas Sunderland, James Bowsted and John Turner.

From Charity Lodge No. 6.—J. M. Woolen, E. W. Colt, I. Zacharia and J. D. Wilkins.

From Auburn Lodge No. 7.—Hanson Hazen.

From El Dorado Lodge No. 8.—J. S. Scott.

It will be noticed that almost every name in this list has since become historical among those of the prominent builders of this State, in civil, political and fraternal life. At least six out of that short list have passed the Chair of Grand Master in this jurisdiction, and each one of them in that position added luster to



JAMES A. J. BOHEM, Past Grand Master.

Born at Baltimore, Md., October 22, 1828. Initiated in Yerba Buena Lodge No. 15, September 22, 1853. Installed Noble Grand of that Lodge January 3, 1856. Admitted into Grand Lodge of California May 12, 1857. Installed as Grand Master, May 9, 1862; elected Representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge, May, 1861, and admitted to that body September 19th of same year. Died in San Francisco, May 25, 1867. On the evening of May 23d, two days before his death, while Yerba Buena Lodge was in session, word came that Brother Bohem was dying. The Lodge immediately closed and the members repaired to his residence, to once more see their beloved Brother. Brother Bohem, hardly able to speak, seeming to gather strength from this evidence of the love and affection of his brethren, had himself propped up in his bed, and, speaking hardly above a whisper, addressed them in words that could not help but sink deep into the hearts of every one present; his closing words seeming as an inspiration were as follows: "I exhort you, brothers, in your daily works of life to exemplify the beauties of Odd Fellowship—to live moral and religious lives—to be charitable, to be generous, to be just."

his own name and that of the Order, while none of them ever brought a blemish to the one or the other. Many of the others have also faithfully served the Order in this State in positions of honor and of trust, among them being our first Grand Secretary, Bro. T. Rodgers Johnson, who held the position for nearly a quarter of a century, contributing largely to the growth of the Order and the perfection of its work, and making for himself an honored name throughout the Order in

Proud Man.

I have seen the rose in beauty spread
Its leaves to the morning sun,
I returned—behold, the rose was dead:
The Destroyer's work was done.
Its grace and beauty, all were gone:
Its loveliness had flown,
Its leaves were scattered o'er the lawn,
By angry breezes blown.

And like that flower, I've seen proud man,
His cheeks with beauty glows:
He walked, he leaped, in joy he ran,
More beautiful than the rose.
Returned again—I there behold!
Grim death was standing nigh,
That mortal clay was stiff and cold,
For all that's born must die.

I have seen the leaves of Autumn fall:
Thick on the ground they lay,
And wintry winds would sadly call
And sigh o'er their decay.
And, yet, Spring came: soft breezes sang
Among the branches coy.
They budded forth again and sprang
In beauty, life and joy.

Man in darkness and in chains!
Why fleeting phantoms chase:
'Tis sad, indeed, if naught remains
To millions of our race.
Proud man, beware! In vain you toil,
For earthly wealth and power,
For sure decay will come to spoil
And all your goods devour.

Be serious, then: the lesson taught
Is sad as it is true,
For all the worldly pleasures sought
Will fade and die with you.
In view of this, our mortal end,
Our only work and strife,
Should be by noble work to ascend
The Eternal Throne of Life.

Worthy subjects of Friendship's realm,
Faithful Brothers in Fraternal Life,
Truth to-day stands at the helm
To guide our bark through earthly strife:
For truth is mighty and will prevail,
Imperial virtue shall be our guide,
As o'er the sea of life we sail:
No storm, no cloud, shall us betide.

As down the dangerous mountain steep,
On to the sacred stream we pass,
Turn not aside from those who weep,
And cry for help—"Alas! Alas!"
We clothe the naked, the hungry feed;
The orphan is our special care:
Our Order knows no sect or creed,
"Have Mercy!" is our humble prayer.

The high, the low, the rich, the poor,
The learned, the unlearned meet within;
No false distinctions here endure,
For all must act like honest men.
And, while we celebrate the day
Our lodge was instituted here,
We hope and trust, and humbly pray,
It will live and thrive for many a year.

Through endless time, till peace and love
Shall bless all nations, tongues and creeds:
Till man shall learn to look above
For inspiration to noble deeds:
Till death no terrors can impart;
Till all shall have eternal youth:
Till all the globe be pure of heart,
And joined in Friendship, Love and Truth.

CHAS. L. HAYES.

The Triple Links

The following was written and read by the author, Brother C. L. Hayes, at the celebration of the Second Anniversary of Bridgeport Lodge No. 386.

In the sacred chain which bindeth mortal man to God
divine,
In the amulets of honor which around our Order twine,
There's no emblem more revered and loved by age or
nimble youth
Than our Triple Links, symbolic of pure Friendship,
Love and Truth.
In our daily life and struggles, in our worldly toils and
strifes,
In our journey towards the Jordan, towards our home
Eternal life,
We know that our actions, as along the road we plod,
Are seen, condemned or sanctioned by the all-seeing
eye of God.

Our efforts are but human, our principles divine,
The golden link of Friendship leads from darkness to
sunshine.
It meets and joins the center link of true Fraternal
Love,
Then welds with Truth the crowning link, the three
are interwoven.
And thus we read the lesson in those Triple Links of
ours,
"Sure decay will come to all our earthly wealth and
powers."
"Clothe the naked"—"Nurse the sick"—the hungry
you must feed,
"Educate the orphan" and "Relieve all those in need."

Read the lesson once again—ponder well—believe,
'Tis far more noble and sublime to give than to receive,
Then make no public mention when we share our humble
store,
For he that gives most freely from his treasure hath
the more.
Turn not aside from those who weep, assist them if
you can,
And always strive to act the part of the "Good
Samaritan."
And if your fellow traveler falls exhausted by the road,
Then help him up, assist him on, to some good safe
abode.

And though the world should never know the aid and
help you'd given,
The record of such noble deeds is surely kept in
Heaven.
And when the final reckoning comes, and life is at an
end,
St. Peter will know you as the man who always helped
a friend.
And ere the scythe of Father Time comes on to lay you
low,
Remember well and bear in mind, we'll reap what'er
we sow:
And if we plant the tares of vice, of selfishness—ill
will,
We'll reap the whirlwind, drink the draught of woe
that's sure to kill.

Let Faith, Hope and Charity, and Mercy most sublime,
Control our actions here on earth, until the end of time;
And when you're summoned to appear before that
Lodge Divine
Be sure you have the password, and can give the
countersign.
Impute to us no sacrilege for the simile we make,
For all our teachings, all our laws, from Holy Writ we
take.
Though many years have faded since Odd Fellowship
was born,
Our work will not be finished 'till dawns the Eternal
Morn.

Then come all nations, tongues and creeds unite with
us to-day,
We'll teach you how to travel in the straight and
narrow way,
And if our teachings you observe and faithfully obey
You'll surely be a better man, and never go astray.
Unite with us, adopt our plans, assist in doing good,
And join all kindreds of the earth in one grand Brother-
hood,
And when you've joined our Fellowship, 'twill not
seem so odd,
For the fellowship of honest men is the fellowship of
God.

the world at large. Another, Bro. Newton Booth, has added honor to his race by his distinguished services as Governor of the State and as a Senator of the United States, while still others have proved themselves no less faithful to public trust in other stations in life.

This convention being called to order by the D. D. Grand Sire, by his direction the dispensation for the organization of a Grand Lodge for the jurisdiction of California was read and the organization at once proceeded with, the D. D. Grand Sire presiding. The following were the first elected and appointed officers of that body:

P. G. M., Samuel H. Parker, of No. 3.—Grand Master.

John F. Morse, of No. 2.—Deputy Grand Master.

E. W. Colt, of No. 6.—Grand Warden.

T. Rodgers Johnson, of No. 3.—Grand Secretary.

John M. Coughlin, of No. 1.—Grand Treasurer.

I. Zacharia, of No. 6.—Grand Marshall.

L. F. Zantinger, of No. 1.—Grand Conductor.

A. J. Lucas, of No. 4.—Grand Guardian.

The Grand Master was installed by P. G. Mathew Purdin, and he, the Grand Master, then proceeded to install the other officers, when the Grand Lodge of California was proclaimed as duly organized and its officers duly installed. The Grand Lodge remained in session for four days, during which time it prepared and adopted a constitution and such legislation as put it in complete working order, and prepared it for pushing the missionary work of the Order without the delays under which the work had been retarded in the past. In his address to the Grand Lodge at the close of this session the Grand Master congratulated the Order on the organization of the Grand Lodge, briefly reviewed the work of the Lodges in the past, stating that from the most reliable data that could then be secured it appeared that these Lodges had already paid out more than a hundred thousand dollars for relief, most of which had been disbursed for the relief of brothers who were not members of the Lodges on this Coast, and predicting that the result of the present organization would be an increase of an hundredfold in a single harvest. The accuracy of this prediction is verified by the showing made at the very next session of the Grand Lodge, held in the following May—less than nine months after its organization. At that session the amount expended for relief was not shown, but at it eighteen Lodges were represented, and the reports for the term ending December 31st—five months prior to the session—show that at that date there were twenty-two Lodges in operation, with a membership of 985, and that its revenues for the term (from May 17 to December 31, 1853) amounted to \$20,128.99. This, of course, did not include voluntary contributions, but simply the regular revenues of the Lodges. And even in making this showing, no reports had been received from three out of the twenty-two Lodges.

Thus began the work of Odd Fellowship in our Golden State, and the names of the Brothers and Lodges given are those of the Pioneers only. Want of space forbids that we should give the details of the organization of Lodges and of the names of charter members further than this. These can all be found in the printed journals of the forty-three sessions of the Grand Lodge which have already passed into history, but to repeat them here would make, not a volume only, but a library, which few men would ever find the time to read. We must

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be content with saying that since our Grand Lodge was organized it has granted about four hundred charters and dispensations for new Lodges in this jurisdiction, all of which were regularly organized, and, while they lived, did good work, but in the course of time a number of them dropped out and surrendered their charters, their remaining membership uniting with other Lodges, or in some instances two or more Lodges consolidating, so that at the date of our last annual reports we had 351 subordinate Lodges in active operation, three of which, however, failed to give the number of their membership in their reports of that term—the membership in the remaining 348 Lodges being 30,373. The dropping out of these Lodges, however, need not be a surprise, when we remember that up to the present time even our own people, to say nothing of those of other lands, have scarcely begun to realize the measure of the capacities and resources of the State in which we live. For one-half the time that our State has been settled by people



C. O. BURTON, Past Grand Master.

Past Grand Master C. O. Burton was initiated into the Order July 21, 1852, in Charity Lodge No. 6, at Stockton, California. He passed through the various Chairs of the Lodge, being a Past Grand in fifteen months from his initiation. At the third session of the Grand Lodge he was appointed Grand Guardian, and at the session of 1863 was elected Grand Warden. The following year he was made Deputy Grand Master, and in 1865 was elevated to the Chair of Grand Master. In 1871 he was one of the representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge held at Atlanta, Georgia. He is also a Past Chief Patriarch of the Encampment Branch and a charter member of Parker Encampment No. 3, of Stockton, California. He still retains his membership in both Lodge and Encampment where he was initiated. He is now one of the three Trustees of the Grand Lodge and is regular in his attendance. Past Grand Master Burton came to California in 1849, arriving at San Francisco September 9th of that year, and is, therefore, emphatically a pioneer in fact.

who naturally seek affiliation with fraternal organizations the State was supposed to be comparatively worthless for all purposes but those of grazing and mining. Grazing involves sparse population and widely scattered habitations, not conducive to the organization and maintenance of Lodges or other fraternal associations. In our mining regions, wherever gold was found, cities and towns, with

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Prof. Méfret was a delegate to the Teachers' Congress in Paris at the World's Fair of 1889; while there he was nominated delegate of l'Alliance Française for San Francisco, and in 1890 received a medal from the Head Committee in Paris for services rendered to the association.

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Major X. Méfret is prominently identified with the I. O. O. F., and has been for many years accountant of the Canton San Francisco, No. 5, Patriarchs Militant.



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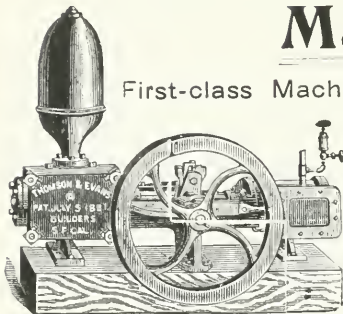
hundreds and even thousands of people sprang up as if by magic, and it was in these and at the centers of traffic which furnished supplies for the miners that the Lodges were organized, but the moment that the mines began to "peter out" in any of these magic cities or towns, or a better "strike" was reported elsewhere, the inhabitants broke camp and the place went down as rapidly as it had grown up, and not only Lodges, but churches, schools, business houses and dwellings were deserted. In this condition the wonder is, not that so many, but that so few, Lodges have surrendered their charters.

It is a fact generally conceded by those who have had a fair opportunity for observation, that whenever the people who dwell upon the prolific soil and in the "glorious climate" of California undertake to do anything, they *do it* with a will and a "push" which knows no waiting. So it has been with our Order here. For fully forty years after the organization of our Grand Lodge the Order moved constantly forward, never making a backward step, and is to-day the largest fraternal organization in the State, and best equipped for the great work in which it is engaged. From 1853 to 1894 each succeeding year showed a steady increase in membership. Following the financial crash of 1893, which affected not only our State, but our whole country, there were four years of "hard times," such as we had never experienced before, during each of which there was a small decrease in membership, but the total decrease for the four years was but five hundred and sixty-seven; and in the year 1898 the membership again began to increase, and it is now mounting upward again and promises soon to reach a number higher than ever before, if it has not already done so. During the period since the organization of our Grand Lodge up to December 31, 1898, there were initiated in this State 68,473, and admitted by card 21,576. Withdrawals, suspensions, expulsions and deaths during the same period left us at the close of 1898 with a membership of 30,373, out of a voting population of 287,055, or one out of every nine and forty-five one hundredths voters in the State. We doubt if any jurisdiction can show a better pro rata of membership. Our total receipts from all sources during the same period were \$15,987,925.69, and at the close of the year 1898 the subordinate Lodges in this State were in possession of accumulated assets to the amount of \$2,693,194.57, showing that the total expenditures for all purposes have been \$13,294,731.12. We have no complete table showing what amount of this expenditure was for relief and charity, but the current proportion of this class of expenditure is at the rate of \$8.63 for relief and charity, to \$7.10 for current expenses, as shown by the reports of the year ending December 31, 1898. During that year the amount expended for relief and charity was \$262,169.40, and for current expenses \$215,760.20. Even these figures show nothing of the personal contributions for the relief of distress made by individual members of the Order, which in the early days exceeded any amount the Lodges could pay, and even in these later days, when the calls are not so pressing as in earlier times, amount to no inconsiderable sum.

A part of the working machinery of every Lodge of the Order is its Visiting Committee—a standing committee whose duty it is, by some one of its members, regularly to make daily call upon every sick member of the Lodge, minister to his necessities, furnish watchers, if necessary, and at every meeting of the Lodge report the condition of each. In the smaller towns and sparsely settled communities, this committee in like manner looks after the needs and condition of sojourning brethren, through the Lodge regularly reporting to the Lodge to

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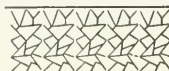
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which a sick brother belongs; but in the larger cities this is better done by an independent committee representing the several local Lodges. These regularly look after and care for sojourning brethren who may need care, communicating with the Lodges to which such brothers belong, wherever situated throughout the world. These are commonly known as General Relief Committees, and almost from the earliest history of the Order in this State these committees have been maintained in the leading cities and have been of immeasurable service in carrying out the leading purpose of the Order—that of Mutual Relief.

Wherever Odd Fellows are found, the command of our law to "bury the dead" is never forgotten. In this State special attention has always been given



ELIAS DRIGGS FARNSWORTH, Past Grand Sire.

Elias Driggs Farnsworth was born in Hartford, Connecticut, December 16, 1818; died in San Francisco, California, March 29, 1893. In 1842 he married in New Orleans, Louisiana, and on November 10, 1845, was initiated into Trabee Lodge No. 10, of Nashville, Tennessee; became Grand Patriarch of Tennessee in 1859, and Grand Master of the same State in 1860. In 1855 he became a member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, continuing as a representative to that body until elected Grand Sire in September, 1868. In 1869 he visited, in company with the entire number of representatives, California, and while on this visit laid the corner stone of the Odd Fellows' Temple at Sacramento. Having formed an enthusiastic attachment for this Golden State, at the close of his term as Grand Sire he came here to reside, and for twenty-three years of his life was a laborer in the work of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction, and did much to upbuild the Order here. "He was an Odd Fellow, tried and true. In war he triumphantly upheld our white banner of peace at home, and when peace came to us he successfully planted it on lands beyond the seas."

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and inhospitable Alaska, the Odd Fellows of California and of sister jurisdictions are giving especial care and attention to this sacred duty.

The growth of the Lodges in this jurisdiction during the second decade of our history was greatly promoted through the local effort of Past Grand A. A. SARGENT, of Grass Valley, who afterwards became Grand Representative, United States Senator and Minister to Germany, and of Bro. NATHAN PORTER, then a Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States from Rhode Island, and who subsequently settled in this State and for several years represented our own Grand Lodge in that sovereign body, where he secured a valuable addition to our secret work. At that time there were thousands of non-affiliated Odd Fellows in this State, who by reason of difficulties of communication had lost their membership in the East and under the law could not gain membership here. Through the efforts of these two distinguished brothers—one in our own Grand Lodge and the other in the G. L. U. S.—a law was passed which enabled these non-affiliates to become members in this jurisdiction, and this resulted in a large increase in the membership of existing Lodges and the establishment of many new ones.

This stimulation to the growth of the Order in this jurisdiction was followed by the holding of a session of the Grand Lodge of the United States in San Francisco in September, 1869. This was the first time that Grand Body ever met west of the Missouri River. It came on the invitation of the Order in California, assembling in a body at Omaha, and being then the guest of California Odd Fellows until it reached that city on the return trip. It was the first organized body of representative men coming from every State and Territory in the Union and from the Canadian Provinces that ever assembled on the Pacific Coast, and was on occasion never to be forgotten either by those who came or those who welcomed its members. Its visit not only gave a new impulse to the Order on this Coast, but the character and intelligence of the persons who composed the visiting body gave an added luster to the name of Odd Fellowship among those of our fellow citizens who had hitherto remained ignorant of the character of the institution to which we belong. But the visit did more for California as a State than it did for the Order in the State. All that our visiting brethren saw was a new revelation to them and to the millions of people among whom they lived in their far Eastern homes, and those of them who still survive have not yet ceased talking of what they saw, and singing the praises of California. Their reports of the visit and of what they saw and learned on that trip, made in their Eastern Lodges and on public occasions at their respective homes, added many thousands to the population of California and of the great but hitherto unknown West.

Grand Master JOHN B. HARMON, on behalf of the Order in California, met the Grand Lodge at Omaha, and on a special train chartered for the purpose and over a railroad just opened, escorted its members across mountains and deserts to the shores of the Pacific, pausing at Echo Cañon for a service of song and thanksgiving, and at Sacramento to lay the corner stone of the Odd Fellows' Temple in that city, which was done by the Grand Lodge of the United States with all the solemn ceremonies of our Order on the 15th of September, 1869, and on the following day it was met at the ferry landing in San Francisco by waiting but happy thousands of Odd Fellows from every portion of our jurisdiction, in full regalia, and escorted to the California Theater, where the formal ceremonies of reception and welcome were held. This was an occasion which will never be

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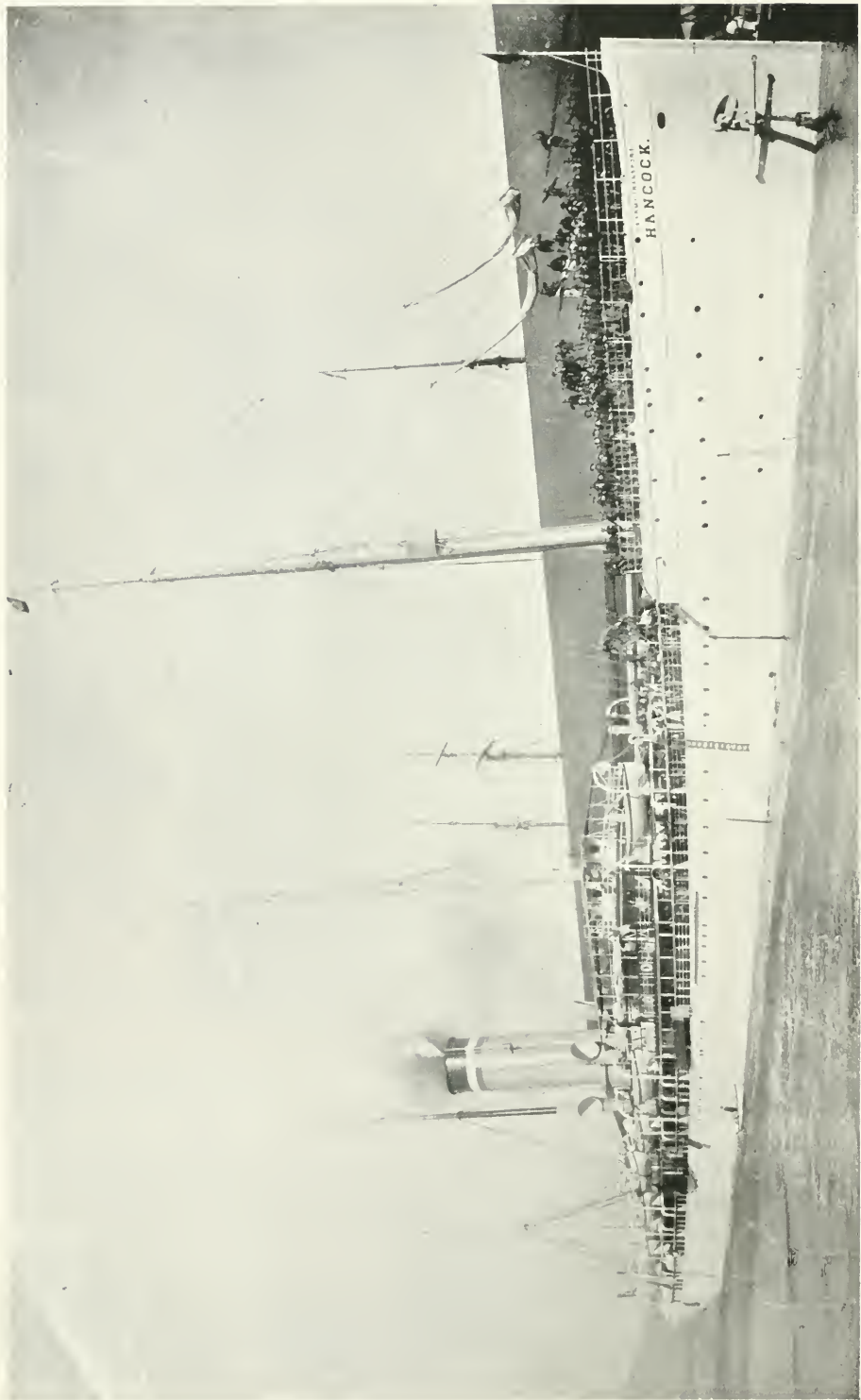
forgotten by those who witnessed it. The address of welcome by Grand Master HARMON, and the response by Grand Sire E. D. FARNSWORTH, seemed to have aroused the vast assemblage to the highest pitch of enthusiasm, but this proved to be as nothing compared to what followed. On that stage sat the venerable JAMES L. RIDGLEY, recognized at that time throughout the Order as the great apostle of advancement and enlightenment in Odd Fellowship. The shades of night were falling, but not a soul would move until all had had an opportunity to see and hear him. All over the house an irresistible cry for RIDGLEY came, and suddenly there was a cry for "Light—a thousand dollars for a light." Just then the great sunburst in the center of the ceiling and every other gas jet in the great auditorium burst forth and filled the place with almost a blinding light.



RUEBEN H. LLOYD, Past Grand Master.

Rueben H. Lloyd was born in 1835; was initiated into Yerba Buena Lodge, in which he passed all the Chairs; was elected to the Grand Lodge, and has always served on important committees; was Grand Master in 1889; was one of the committee in the erection of the new Odd Fellows' Building, on the corner of Market and Seventh streets, San Francisco, and attended to all legal matters of building without charge; was Grand Marshal at the laying of the corner stone of this building; has been President of the Board of Relief; represented the Grand Lodge of California in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and was active in stemming the tide against the constant change of regalia in the various branches of the Order. An amusing incident occurred in the Sovereign Grand Lodge while he was a member. Brother Lloyd had the floor on the question of changing the Patriarch Militant regalia when a representative took exception to some remarks of Brother Lloyd, saying that the representative from California was incorrect in his statements that changes were sought to be made in the interest of regalia manufacturers. Representative Lloyd asked: "How long since you were employed by a regalia firm?" The reply came promptly: "Not for several months." This incident, it is safe to say, did not weaken Brother Lloyd's argument. While Grand Master he declined to draw one dollar from the appropriation made for the expenses of the office, not only paying his own expenses while traveling through the State, but the expenses of the Grand Officer who accompanied him. Brother Lloyd's idea is that the Order is for the aid of humanity, and those who are able should labor for the cause for humanity's sake, and not gain. He is a strong man, having no sympathy for shams of any kind; is fearless and independent, having the courage of his convictions. He is a student, not only of law and human nature, but of literature, art and antiquity. Even his law office is embellished with rare curios and bits of coloring from the brush of distinguished artists, that serve as an index to the finer nature of the man. Brother Lloyd is a delightful companion, a loyal friend, a safe counsellor, a true Odd Fellow, and every inch a man.

Brother RIDGLEY, trembling with emotion, was led to the front and introduced by the Grand Marshal of the occasion. Although at first his voice could scarcely



ART IN WAR.

From Photo by Hodson.

be heard, he soon recovered his wonted presence, and delivered an address which moved the whole great audience to tears. But even after that the crowd would not move, but demanded to see, that they might know by sight, the venerable JOSHUA VANSANT, the Grand Treasurer—a man who made no pretense to oratory, but who was known by reputation throughout the Order as a *worker*, and both in and out of the Order as an unyielding rock of fidelity to every trust reposed in him. He was also presented, and after a few but feeling remarks, and a chance to see him, the audience was content to depart. The ten days which followed this event was given over to the work of the Grand Lodge session during the day, interspersed with every kind of excursion and entertainment which could be devised by the Californians, and the evenings to visitations to subordinate Lodges. It is doubtful if Bro. RIDGLEY ever spent a night in California when he was not called upon to deliver the Past Grand's Charge, of which he was the author, and in the delivery of which his equal has never been known.

Another event soon followed, as a result of this visit, which should never be forgotten by the Odd Fellows of California, as it added largely to their honor and to the glory of the Order everywhere. Grand Sire FARNSWORTH was an enthusiastic expansionist. He was very anxious to plant our standard in continental Europe, and especially in the Empire of Germany, from whence many of our membership had come, and to which quite a number had returned. The Grand Lodge favored the proposition, but could not bear the expense of the undertaking. Neither could he either bear the expense or leave the jurisdiction for a sufficient length of time to do it. In his visitation to subordinates the Grand Sire eloquently alluded to this subject, and expressed the hope that at some no distant day the means would be found, through some visiting brother competent to do the work, of accomplishing the desired result. Templar Lodge No. 17, of this city, after listening to his remarks, promptly voted a donation of \$1,200 for this work. This was promptly followed by a donation of \$1,000 from Bay City Lodge No. 71, then a smaller Lodge, but composed almost entirely of Germans. No general appeal, here or elsewhere, was ever made to raise funds for this purpose, but enough was almost immediately raised to accomplish the end, and the Grand Sire at once appointed our own Past Grand Master JOHN F. MORSE as Special Deputy Grand Sire, and Past Grand FRANK B. AUSTIN, also of this jurisdiction, as his assistant, and they at once proceeded to the accomplishment of the work assigned them. The result is a Grand Lodge of the German Empire—sovereign in all things except the secret work of our Order, with six District Grand Lodges working under it, and subordinate Lodges in France and in Italy.

This visitation was made almost immediately after the golden spike had been driven, marking the completion of the first railroad across the continent. In 1888 the Sovereign Grand Lodge again came to California, holding its annual communication at Los Angeles. But the conditions were then changed. The State was then tapped by three trans-continental railroads, and Southern California, which was almost a waste in 1869, had now become a paradise, dotted with orange groves and beautiful cities, with Lodges in each of them with a membership that could again, without drawing from those of the north, greet the distinguished visitors by thousands. And they did so, introducing our Eastern brethren to a new phase of California life and enterprise.

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MORRIS M. ESTEE, Past Grand.

Morris M. Estee was born in November, 1834, in the little township of Freehold, Warren County, Pennsylvania, but when a child his parents moved to Concord, Erie County, in the same State, where his early life was that of the farmer boy of that day. He attended the public schools, spent a little time at a so-called select school, and finally went to Waterford Academy. Leaving that academy in 1853 he came to California when he was in his nineteenth year. He arrived in California in the spring of 1853 and commenced mining at Cold Springs, El Dorado County. From there he went to Volcane, Amador County. He was young and too full of ambition to devote his life to mining, and after two and one-half years' efforts in that direction he decided to study law, and in 1855 entered the office of Judge F. M. Paulding, a fellow Pennsylvanian, and there he laid the foundation of his future. It was in the little town of Volcane that Brother Estee first joined the Order of Odd Fellows. This was in 1856, when he became a member of Lodge No. 25. In 1857 he went to Sacramento and entered the law office of Clark & Gass, and in 1859 was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court. In 1863 he was sent to the Assembly from Sacramento County, and this was the beginning of a long and honorable political career. In 1867 he removed to San Francisco where his reputation had preceded him, and where he met with a warm and hearty reception by his associates at the Bar. He soon built up a large practice and established his reputation as one of the foremost lawyers of the State. Brother Estee has always had a broad and statesmanlike interest in all questions affecting the good of the State and the Nation, and has always contributed both his time and money to promulgating the doctrines of the Republican Party, of which he has always been a member. He has been the nominee of his party on two different occasions for Governor, was one of the Presidential Electors when Rutherford B. Hayes was elected, and was sent as a delegate to the National Republican Convention of 1888, and was elected permanent Chairman of that Convention. He at all times occupied a prominent place before the public. As a member of the Pan-American Congress he did good work, and left the impression of his ability on that body. Notwithstanding his interest in both public and political affairs, he found time to prepare and publish three volumes of a work on pleading, practice and forms, which has become a standard authority, and gone into use in all States where there is a

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Code practice and which is now in its third edition. Brother Estee was married in 1863 to Miss Frances Divine, a daughter of Judge Davis Divine of San Jose. Mr. Estee is a man of comprehensive intellect, broad and liberal in his views, and has always been ready to devote his time and talent to matters which affect the welfare of the general public. He has been a consistent and faithful member of the Order of Odd Fellows since 1856, being now an active member of Apollo Lodge No. 123, of San Francisco. He has tried in all ways possible to advance, so far as lay in his power, the interest of our Order, and his legal knowledge has always been freely given for the benefit of the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.

had been for several years securely established in that portion of the British dominion, and who had the advantage of being able to admit members at the age of eighteen. So in 1870, the Grand Master of 1867 being then a Grand Representative, introduced into the Sovereign Grand Lodge an amendment to the constitution, giving to Grand Lodges off the continent of North America the right to prescribe for themselves the qualifications for membership in Lodges under their immediate jurisdiction, which amendment was adopted in the following year and gave a new impulse to the Order in the jurisdiction of Australia and New Zealand. Then again, in 1876, our own Past Grand Master JOHN B. HARMON, being then Deputy Grand Sire, visited that distant country, the bearer of a new and revised Charter for the "Grand Lodge of Australasia," and spent much time in visiting and instructing subordinate Lodges and infusing new life into the Order in both Australia and New Zealand.

Nor is this all that has been accomplished by the Order in California in our fifty years of life and work in a land that was almost unknown when we were born. We were not the first to establish an Odd Fellows' Home, but we were by far the youngest jurisdiction which has yet accomplished the work, and when we commenced we did it in the shortest time. What has been accomplished in this direction will be more appropriately discussed in another article and by another writer; but in this general review it seems appropriate to say that in 1893 the Grand Lodge undertook the work of establishing a home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, widows and orphans. Subsequently the orphans were provided for by our sisters of the Degree of Rebekah, so that the Home, when completed, became one for the aged alone, which was a very wise arrangement. Almost immediately after this work was resolved upon came the financial crash to which allusion has already been made, so that nothing was done definitely during that year, except to find out what we actually needed. But before the end of 1895 the Home was *established, paid for, opened* and housed fifty of the pioneers of the Order on this Coast, who had blazed their way through the wilderness and erected altars all over the State, where men were taught to love one another and to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them. Such a place is sure to be, like the family home, either a heaven or a hell, as those who dwell therein see fit to make it; but we are proud to know that this is in large degree a heaven on earth, where an hundred of our ancient patriarchs, whose life work is already done, dwell in peace and joy, waiting only for the Master's call, and grateful to their children that such a place is for them provided near their journey's end.

While we rejoice in our work of fifty years, let us resolve that in the future it shall be even better than in the past, and to do this let us look well to the character of our membership. In this age, when so many seek fraternal affiliation for the pecuniary benefits that may be derived from it, let us remember that *character* is of more importance to us than mere *numbers*, and "select out from the general mass" only those who come to us "with a desire for true knowledge" and for the good that they may be able to do unto others. "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Out of such only have we endeavored to build in the

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past—of such only let us build in the future. So shall we make the Order that we love a blessing to our race. To this end, work! Work always in the spirit of the first great commandment: "Thou shalt love thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy strength;" and of the second, which is like unto it: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself;" and of that new commandment, which constitutes our golden rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye even so unto them." Work in this spirit of LOVE, guided by the light of everlasting TRUTH.



WILLIAM W. MORROW, Past Grand Master.

William W. Morrow was born in Milton, Wayne County, Indiana, July 15, 1843. Removed with his parents to Illinois in 1845. Removed to California in 1859. Admitted to the bar in 1869. Appointed Assistant United States Attorney for the District of California in 1870; served four years. Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee 1879 to 1883. Attorney for the State Board of Harbor Commissioners 1880 to 1883. Special counsel for the United States before the French and American Claims Commission 1881 to 1883, also special counsel for the United States before the Alabama Claims Commission, 1882 to 1885. Delegate to National Republican Convention in 1884. Chairman of the California delegation in that convention. Elected to 49th Congress for the San Francisco District in 1884. Re-elected in 1886 and 1888. Declined a nomination in 1890. While a member of the House of Representatives, served on the Committees on Commerce, Immigration, Foreign Affairs and Appropriations. Appointed United States District Judge for the Northern District of California by President Harrison, September 18, 1891, and United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit by President McKinley, May 30, 1897. The degree of L.L. D. was conferred upon him in 1899 by the Wabash College, Indiana. As an Odd Fellow, this is, in part, his record: Initiated in Santa Rosa Lodge No. 53, on April 7, 1867; withdrew and joined Apollo Lodge No. 123, March 21, 1873; was Noble Grand of that Lodge for the term ending June 30, 1875. Admitted as a Representative to the Grand Lodge, May, 1876, and on the following year appointed on the Committee on Appeals, serving on that committee until the session of 1880, when he was elected Grand Representative and served as such in the Sovereign Grand Lodge for two years. In 1882, he was elected Grand Warden, and at the same session was appointed as Chairman of a Special Committee to revise the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge and Subordinates, which duty was so ably performed that the drafts submitted by the committee were adopted with scarcely a change. Elected Grand Master in 1883. Joined Oriental Encampment July 15, 1876.

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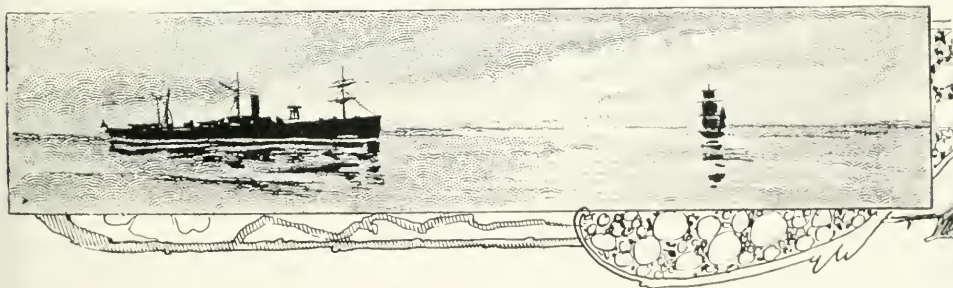
TRUTH:

Living spirit of eternal years,
 Who bears thee ever in his breast,
 Walks through this life, unmoved by fears,
 And finds, at last, unending rest.



WALTER B. LYON.

Walter B. Lyon was, at the age of twenty-three years, initiated in Placer Lodge No. 38, on April 6, 1858. He withdrew from that Lodge, January 4, 1866, and joined Auburn Lodge No. 7, on January 26th, of the same year, retaining his membership therein until his death. He was admitted to the Grand Lodge at the session of May 1869; in May, 1875, he was elected Grand Secretary, and remained in that office until his death, which took place in Alameda, November 4, 1893. Brother Lyon was an active, untiring worker in Odd Fellowship in all its branches, being a charter member of Oriental Encampment No. 57; a member of Templar Rebekah Lodge No. 19; Canton San Francisco No. 5, and, also, a member of the Veteran Odd Fellows' Association, of California, in all of which he took an active part.



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BY GEORGE T. SHAW, GRAND SECRETARY.

While the history of the Order in this State must of necessity embrace much of that of the Grand Lodge, yet perhaps a brief sketch of the rise and progress of this, the governing body, will be appropriate in this connection, and, therefore, this condensation may be of value to the members of the Order both here and elsewhere.

The preliminary meeting for the institution of the Grand Lodge of California was held in the old hall of the Order on Kearny Street, San Francisco, April



KARL C. BRUECK, Past Grand Master.

Karl C. Brueck was initiated into Stockton Lodge No. 11, April 27, 1888, at the age of 21 years, installed Noble Grand, January, 1890; appointed District Deputy Grand Master, May, 1894; elected Grand Warden, May, 1896; elected Grand Master, May, 1898; elected Grand Representative, May, 1899.

11, 1853, at 11 o'clock A. M., and there were present the following Past Grands: Moore, Coughlin, Dexter, Ryan and Zantzinger, of California Lodge No. 1; Johnson, Young, Norcross, Sutton, Robinson, Heuston and Graham, of San Francisco Lodge No. 3; Colt and McLean, of Charity Lodge No. 6; Lucas, of Eureka Lodge No. 4; and more prominent than any other one, by reason of the commission he held, D. D. Grand Sire Samuel H. Parker, of San Francisco Lodge No. 3.

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At this meeting the D. D. Grand Sire submitted the correspondence already had with the officers of the G. L. U. S., and, on motion, his course was fully approved. After the adoption of a set of resolutions recommending that a committee of five be appointed to prepare a petition to be forwarded to the Grand Sire by next mail, the Convention adjourned until August 1st, unless sooner called together by the D. D. Grand Sire.

The D. D. Grand Sire, having issued a call, the Past Grands of the several Lodges and representing California Lodge No. 1; Sacramento Lodge No. 2;



W. A. BONYNGE, Grand Master

W. A. Bonyng was initiated June 21, 1879, in Mount Davidson Lodge No. 3, which afterwards consolidated with Virginia Lodge No. 10, taking the name of Virginia Lodge No. 3, of Virginia City, Nevada. He withdrew March 5, 1881. Brother Bonyng was admitted by card to San Antonio Lodge No. 11, on March 22, 1881; appointed and served as Conductor to June 30, 1881; elected and served as Recording Secretary to December 31, 1881; elected and served as Vice Grand to June 30, 1882; as Noble Grand to December 31, 1882; as Alternate Representative in the Grand Lodge at Austin in 1883, and was appointed Chairman of Special Committee to examine and report all unfinished business, resolutions and amendments pertaining to permanent location of the Grand Lodge. He was elected and served as Representative to the Grand Lodge in 1885; was appointed on Finance Committee by the Grand Master, and also appointed as District Deputy Grand Master in 1885. He received a withdrawal card from San Antonio Lodge No. 11, on February 26, 1889. Brother Bonyng was admitted to Good Will Lodge No. 323, by card from San Antonio Lodge No. 11, Texas, March 15, 1889; served as Conductor from July 1, 1890, to January 1, 1891; as Permanent Secretary from July 1, 1891, to July 1, 1892; as L. S. N. G. from July 1, 1892, to January 1, 1893, and as R. S. V. G. from July 1, 1893, to January 1, 1894. He was elected Representative to the Grand Lodge in 1892, and each succeeding year until elected Grand Warden. He took the lead in organizing the Odd Fellows' Hall Association at Los Angeles, and was elected Secretary, holding the office to date. There are few men so fortunately endowed by nature as Brother Bonyng; always affable and courteous, with the manner of a well-bred gentleman he combines the aggressiveness necessary to wage the battle of life. In the home circle he is all that could be desired. As an Odd Fellow he leads without the friction so often incident to leadership, well versed in the laws and ritual of the Order, and successful in expanding the growth of our grand fraternity.

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San Francisco Lodge No. 3; Eureka Lodge No. 4; Charity Lodge No. 6; Auburn Lodge No. 7, and El Dorado Lodge No. 8, met on May 17, 1853, in the same hall as before and proceeded to organize the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of California, electing as its first officers: Samuel H. Parker, Grand Master; John F. Morse, Deputy Grand Master; E. W. Colt, Grand Warden; T. Rodgers Johnson, Grand Secretary, and J. M. Coughlin, Grand Treasurer. At the date of organization the entire membership of the Jurisdiction was but about 300, but by December 31, 1853, it had grown to number 985, and the growth of the Order in the State was continuous until 1894, when, owing to the



Geo. J. Kraus Grand Secretary

Born August 21, 1832. Initiated in Bidwell Lodge No. 47, at Oroville, Butte County, Cal., April 23, 1853. Withdrew and joined Abou Ben Adhem Lodge No. 112, December 26, 1867, passing the Chairs in said Lodge. Withdrew and joined Myrtle Lodge No. 275 as a charter member, May 3, 1878. Withdrew and joined Spartan Lodge No. 125 as a charter member, October 6, 1891. Entered the Grand Lodge as a representative from Abou Ben Adhem Lodge No. 112, May, 1874, and has attended every session since that time. Was appointed on the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, May, 1880, remaining a member of said committee until May, 1894. Was elected by the Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge as Grand Secretary, November 10, 1893, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Walter B. Lyon, and has been re-elected each year since that date. Joined Golden Gate Encampment in 1873, but withdrew in 1874 and united with Unity Encampment No. 26 the same year. Passed the Chairs in Unity Encampment in 1877, and has attended each session of the Grand Encampment since 1878, being most of the time on the Committee on By-laws. A member of Canton San Francisco No. 5, of Oriental Rebekah Lodge No. 90, and a member and Past President of the Veteran Odd Fellows' Association of San Francisco.

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The first Grand Secretary, T. Rodgers Johnson, held the office until May, 1875, when he was succeeded by Walter B. Lyon, who retained said position until the date of his death, November 4, 1893. The vacancy was filled by the election of George T. Shaw, the present incumbent. In the office of Grand Master, it has had a succession of able, earnest exponents of the principles of the Order, and among its Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge are many



J. L. ROBINETTE.

J. L. Robinette, the late Deputy Grand Master, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., January 1, 1851. For three generations his ancestors had been natives of that city, and had borne arms in support of the National Government—his great grandfather in the Revolutionary War, his grandfather in the War of 1812, and his father in the War of the Rebellion. At the age of 15 he entered the well-known Collins Printing House, in his native city, as an apprentice and that business he followed almost without interruption until his death. His fellow-craftsmen many times recognized his ability and worth by electing him to positions of prominence and honor in their organization. Our late brother was initiated into the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Morning Star Lodge No. 4, Philadelphia, on December 29, 1875. Later on he turned his steps westward, and deposited his card in State Lodge No. 10, Omaha, Neb. Thence he came to Sacramento and joined Industrial Lodge No. 157, by card, on January 19, 1884, and in January, 1887, was installed as Noble Grand of that Lodge. He was elected a representative to the Grand Lodge in 1889, having declined that honor the previous year, and since then has been re-elected whenever his business engagements would permit him to serve. He was nominated for Grand Warden in 1896, and received a flattering vote; in 1897 he stood second in the ballot, and the following year he was elected by a handsome majority. In 1899 he was advanced to the position of Deputy Grand Master by acclamation. He served his Lodge as Recording Secretary for nearly ten years, and was President of the General Relief Committee for about five years, terminating his tenure of office in both positions by resignation, in order that he might devote more of his time to his duties as an officer of the Grand Lodge. His bright and useful career was terminated by death on the morning of September 31, at the age of 45 years, 8 months and 3 days, after an illness extending over a period of about five months.

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W. W. WATSON, of No. 222	<i>Grand Warden</i>	San Francisco
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JAMES BOOTH, of No. 35	<i>Grand Conductor</i>	Los Angeles
A. A. FERGUSON, of No. 81	<i>Grand Guardian</i>	Dutch Flat
M. P. FORBES, of No. 112	<i>Grand Herald</i>	San Francisco



W. W. WATSON, Grand Warden

W. W. Watson was born on the seventeenth day of January, 1862, at Gibsonville, Sierra County, California; was initiated into Fidelity Lodge No. 222, on the seventeenth day of September, 1888; became Past Grand, July 11, 1892, and was President of the General Relief Committee from January to July, 1892. Brother Watson was initiated into Wilbey Encampment on October 24, 1891; became a Past Chief Patriarch, July 22, 1893; was admitted a member of the Grand Lodge, May session of 1893, and was placed on the Committee on Appeals at that session. He served continuously on that committee until the session of 1899 when he was elected Grand Warden. He became a member of the Grand Encampment at the 1893 session of that body. Brother Watson is an attorney-at-law; a married man; quiet, dignified and gentlemanly in his bearing. That he is well sired the writer can attest, for years ago he knew his father as an Odd Fellow, in Nevada, as a man of sterling worth, and his mother as a gracious woman, whose home was her delight; such a woman as all good men love to talk about and point to as capable of undergoing untold hardships for principle.

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H. M. HEUSTON	1856-57	Deceased
W. H. WATSON	1857-58	Deceased
J. L. VAN BOKKELEN	1858-59	Deceased
L. L. ALEXANDER	1859-60	Omo Ranch
WM. M. ALLEN	1860-61	Deceased
T. R. KIBBE	1861-62	Deceased
J. A. J. BOHEN	1862-63	Deceased
DAVID KENDALL	1863-64	Deceased
J. A. McCLELLAND	1864-65	Deceased
C. O. BURTON	1865-66	San Francisco
I. N. RANDOLPH	1866-67	Deceased
CHAS. N. FOX	1867-68	Oakland



AARON A. FERGUSON, Grand Guardian

Brother Ferguson was initiated in Placer Lodge No. 38, at Iowa Hill, December 6, 1855, from which Lodge he withdrew to become a member of Olive Lodge No. 81, at Dutch Flat, by deposit of card, in 1862. He is a Past Grand, and a member of Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge No 68; also, a member of Auburn Encampment. He was appointed Grand Guardian of the Grand Lodge at the session of 1869.

C. S. HASWELL	1868-69	Deceased
JOHN B. HARMON	1869-70	Deceased
C. W. DANNALS	1870-71	Deceased
REV. WM. H. HILL	1871-72	Deceased
A. C. BRADFORD	1872-73	Deceased
W. J. GURNETT	1873-74	Oakland
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W. W. MORROW	1883-84	San Francisco
E. P. SMITH	1884-85	Galveston, Texas
NATHANIEL COOK	1885-86	Deceased
C. T. McEACHRAN	1886-87	St. Helena
ELWOOD BRUNER	1887-88	Sacramento
R. H. LLOYD	1888-89	San Francisco
C. N. JENKINS	1889-90	Marysville
JOHN GLASSON	1890-91	Grass Valley
J. N. E. WILSON*	1891-92	San Rafael
GEO. W. STOCKWELL	1892-93	Los Angeles
J. F. THOMPSON	1893-94	Eureka
J. H. SIMPSON	1894-95	San Francisco
P. F. GOSBEY	1895-96	San Jose
J. W. WARBOYS	1896-97	Santa Rosa
A. M. DREW	1897-98	Fresno
KARL C. BRUECK	1898-99	Stockton

* Suspended from the Order.



JOHN GLASSON, Past Grand Master

Brother John Glasson is a native of London, England, from whence he came to California in May, 1864. He was initiated in Grass Valley Lodge No. 12, I. O. F., May 21, 1874, and became Noble Grand of his Lodge in July, 1876. He joined Union Encampment No. 11, at Grass Valley, November 4, 1878. Brother Glasson was sent to the Grand Lodge in 1879, and was elected Grand Warden in May, 1880. Owing to the death of Charles E. Gault, Deputy Grand Master, in March, 1890, he was elected Grand Master at the session in May of the same year, and served the Order with good judgment and fidelity. At the close of his term, in 1891, he was elected Grand Representative and attended the sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, held in St. Louis in 1891, and Portland, Or., in 1892. Honors have not changed Brother Glasson's sterling disposition. He remains, as ever, an earnest worker in the Lodge and Camp.

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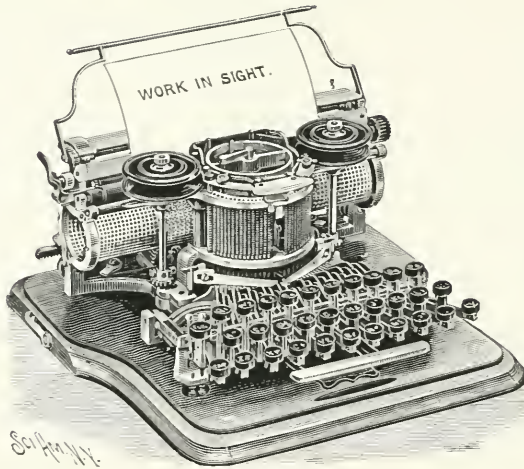
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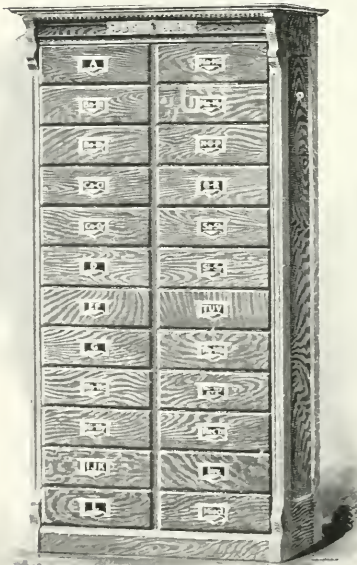
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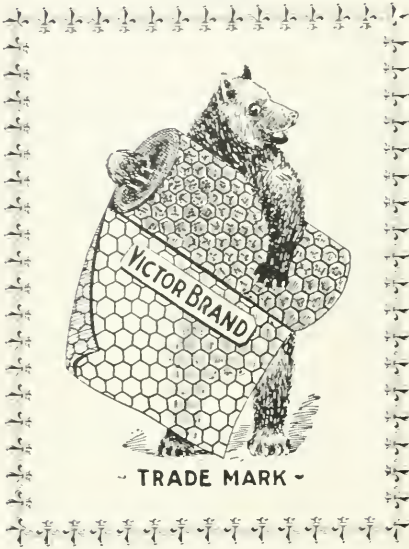
WITH DATE OF ELECTION, TIME OF SERVICE, NAME AND NO. OF LODGE.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Lodge and No.</i>	<i>Elected.</i>	<i>Term of.</i>	<i>Date of Death.</i>
MATHEW PURDIN	Sacramento, 2	May, 1853	2 years	March 27, 1859.
A. J. LUCAS	Yuba, 5	May, 1854	1 year	
GEO. I. N. MONELL	Eureka, 4	May, 1855	1 year	Withd'w July, '66.
G. H. VAN CLEFT	El Dorado, 8	May, 1855	1 year	" Feb. 15, '56.
SAMUEL H. PARKER	Templar, 17	May, 1856	2 years	Died Mar. 14, '66.
MOSES HEYNEMAN	Auburn, 7	May, 1856	1 year	Wth'w Oct. 13, '58.
WARREN D. HEATON	Forest City, 32	May, 1857	1 year	
PHILO WHITE	San Francisco, 3	May, 1858	2 years	Died Feb. 16, '91.
J. A. BREWSTER	Sonoma, 28	May, 1858	1 year	
GEO. M. GARWOOD	Templar, 17	May, 1859	1 year	Died Mar. 31, '75.
D. W. WELTY	Sacramento, 2	May, 1860	1 year	Died Mar. 27, '91.
W. N. HALL	Minerva, 55	May, 1860	1 year	Wth'w June 7, '62.
A. J. GUNNISON	Mount Shasta, 70	May, 1861	2 years	
A. D. MEACHEM	Mount Shasta, 70	May, 1861	1 year	
C. C. HAYDEN	Sacramento, 2	May, 1862	2 years	Died Mar. 20, '81.
J. L. BROWNE	Anburn, 7	May, 1863	1 year	Died Aug. 3, '98.
E. W. ROBERTS	Grass Valley, 12	May, 1864	1 year	Wth'w Apr. 28, '98.
J. A. J. BOHEN	Yerba Buena, 15	May, 1864	1 year	Died May 25, '67.
GEO. T. BOHEN	Yerba Buena, 15	Aug. 1864	1 year	
NATHAN PORTER	Yuba, 5	May, 1865	1 year	Died Jan. 6, '78.
CHARLES MARSH	Oustomah, 16	May, 1865	Resigned	Died Apr. 28, '76.
WM. H. HILL	Capitol, 87	June, 1865	1 year	Died Oct. 27, '96.
WM. M. ALLEN	California, 1	May, 1866	2 years	Died Oct. 8, '66.
COLUMBUS BARTLETT	Yerba Buena, 15	July, 1866	1 year	
C. W. DANNELS	San Juan, 67	May, 1867	2 years	Died Aug. 31, '93.
J. A. McCLELLAND	San Francisco, 3	May, 1867	1 year	Died ———.
A. J. GUNNISON	Yerba Buena, 15	May, 1868	2 years	
H. J. TILDEN	Parker, 124	May, 1869	2 years	
JOHN B. HARMON	Apollo, 123	May, 1870	2 years	
JOHN F. MORSE	California, 1	May, 1871	2 years	Died Dec. 30, '74.
JOHN B. HARMON	Fountain, 198	May, 1872	2 years	
MORRIS M. ESTEE	Apollo, 123	May, 1873	1 year	
JOHN B. HARMON	Fountain, 198	May, 1874	2 years	
CHAS. O. BURTON	Charity, 6	Aug. 1874	1 year	
COLIN M. BOYD	California, 1	May, 1875	2 years	
JOHN B. HARMON	Fountain, 198	May, 1876	2 years	Elected D.G.S. '76.
COLIN M. BOYD	California, 1	May, 1877	2 years	
CHAS. N. FOX	Bay View, 109	May, 1877	1 year	Res'd Sept. 6, '77.
FRANK G. BEATTY	Golden Star, 165	Sept. 1877	1 year	
FRANK G. BEATTY	Golden Star, 165	May, 1878	2 years	
T. K. WILSON	Ophir, 171	May, 1879	1 year	Died ———.
W. W. MORROW	Apollo, 123	May, 1880	2 years	
WALTER B. LYON	Anburn, 7	Aug. 1880	1 year	Died Nov. 4, '93.
GROVE L. JOHNSON	Capitol, 87	May, 1881	2 years	
A. W. SCOTT	California, 1	May, 1882	2 years	
EZRA PEARSON	Capitol, 87	Aug. 1882	1 year	
LEON D. FREER	Bidwell, 47	May, 1883	2 years	
H. T. DORRANCE	Charity, 6	May, 1884	2 years	Died July 21, '95.
J. N. E. WILSON	Ophir, 171	May, 1885	2 years	Suspended.
LEON D. FREER	Bidwell, 47	May, 1886	2 years	Died Sept. 19, '88.
WESLEY MINTA	Stockton, 11	Aug. 1886	1 year	
WESLEY MINTA	Stockton, 11	May, 1887	2 years	Died Jan. 26, '96.
LEON D. FREER	Bidwell, 47	May, 1888	2 years	D. hef. S.G.L. Ses.
JAS. G. MAGUIRE	San Francisco, 3	Aug. 1888	1 year	
JAS. G. MAGUIRE	San Francisco, 3	May, 1889	1 year	
R. H. LLOYD	Yerba Buena, 15	May, 1889	1 year	
C. T. PIDWELL	Templar, 17	Sept. 1889	1 year	Res'd from Order.
JAS. G. MAGUIRE	San Francisco, 3	May, 1890	2 years	
JOHN GLASSON	Grass Valley, 12	May, 1891	2 years	
JAS. G. MAGUIRE	San Francisco, 3	May, 1892	2 years	
GEO. W. STOCKWELL	East Side, 325	May, 1893	2 years	
J. F. THOMPSON	Fortuna, 221	May, 1894	2 years	
JAS. G. MAGUIRE	San Francisco, 3	May, 1895	2 years	
P. F. GOSBEY	Garden City, 142	May, 1896	2 years	
J. W. WARBOYS	Santa Rosa, 53	May, 1897	2 years	
A. M. DREW	Fresno, 186	May, 1898	2 years	
KARL C. BRUECK	Stockton, 11	May, 1899	2 years	
GEO. H. MORRISON, Alameda, now a member of the Grand Lodge of California, represented the Grand Lodge of Nevada in Sovereign Grand Lodge, in 1878-79.				

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OD ONLY IS GREAT is recognized as truth by every Odd Fellow, yet we are justified in saying that an organization of men and women, who unselfishly work for the betterment of their kind, has at least the germ of greatness as a basic principle.

In 1893 the Grand Lodge made provisions for the establishment of The Odd Fellows' Home, the deed conveying the property to the Order in trust was executed and signed on the 26th day of January, 1895, and, on the Anniversary Day of Odd Fellowship, April 26th of the same year, the Home was dedi-



CHARLES NELSON FOX, 1st President Odd Fellows Home

Charles Nelson Fox was born in Wayne County, Michigan, March 9, 1829. Immediately upon reaching his majority, in March, 1850, he was initiated into Washtenaw Law Lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F., and although he never in his life sought office, either civil or fraternal, he was never out of office in the Order from the next meeting after his initiation, when he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of Warden, until he left for California in July, 1857. The terms then were for three months, and having passed the Chairs of Secretary and Vice Grand he was installed Noble Grand before he was twenty-two years of age. Upon completion of his term in that office he of course followed with a term as sitting Past Grand, and after that was constantly kept in the office of Conductor until he left the State, frequently, however, filling the place of Past Grand at initiations. Even in those days, when few men did it, he worked without a book, in whatever place he was called upon to fill. When he left his native State he was also H. P. elect of his Encampment. In California his hands were tied for some time by reason of his remoteness from any Lodge. But he finally became a member of California Lodge No. 1, from which he withdrew to become a charter member of Bay View Lodge No. 109, and upon the institution of that Lodge, October 4, 1862, was installed Noble Grand, and has never been out of office in the Order since. He came into the Grand Lodge in 1863, was elected Grand Warden in 1865, Deputy Grand Master in 1866, and Grand Master in 1867. He was taken from the floor and elected Grand Patriarch in 1868, and presided in both Grand Bodies during the same week. In 1890 he was elected Grand Representative. He was subsequently elected Representative from the Grand Lodge, but was unable to attend on account of sickness in his family. But he has been constantly kept in one office or another in his subordinate Lodge or Encampment, and frequently in both. He passed the Chair of H. P. in Golden Gate Encampment No. 1, and was the first Chief Patriarch of Unity Encampment No. 26.

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In 1897 the Grand Lodge ordered the Trustees of the Odd Fellows' Home to pay to the Orphans' Home the sum of seventeen hundred and sixty-six dollars and ten cents, the proportion due the Orphans' Home from money collected when it was intended that the two Homes should be at the same point and under the same general management.



GEO. H. MORRISON, 2d President Odd Fellows' Home

George H. Morrison was initiated into Nevada Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., of Virginia City, Nev., November 15, 1865; appointed Conductor November 23d to fill a vacancy, received the five degrees during December, elected Recording Secretary January, 1866, Vice Grand, July, 1866, Noble Grand, January, 1867, elected Representative to Grand Lodge of Nevada in 1868, was placed on Committee on Finance to fill a vacancy at beginning of Session, elected to represent the Grand Lodge of Nevada in the Grand Lodge of U. S. in 1868, labored with Grand Representatives Daniels, Wolf and Garwood, of California, to bring the Grand Lodge of U. S. to San Francisco in 1869, and succeeded. In 1869, while yet Grand Representative, was elected Deputy Grand Master, and in 1870, was elected Grand Master, admitted to Pioneer Encampment, Virginia City, Nev., in 1866, passed all the Chairs and entered the Grand Encampment of California in 1870, was elected successively Grand Junior Warden, Grand Senior Warden, and Grand Patriarch, and became Past Grand Patriarch in 1874. Became a charter member of Farnsworth Lodge No. 95 upon the institution of that Lodge in 1896, was elected the first Representative to Grand Lodge and appointed on Committee on Laws of Subordinates, and is now on same Committee, was Trustee of Odd Fellows' Home in 1897-98, and was President of the Board of Trustees of the Home in 1898, joined Oriental Encampment No. 17 in 1896. Has never sought an office, nor held any position having salary or other financial emoluments. Is the youngest man ever elected to the position of Grand Master.

The question of climate, cost of management, wisdom of location, soil, and questions of a kindred nature, are all treated *in extenso* in the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge Session, 1899, hence nothing is said on these subjects in

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this article, but all interested are referred to the Report of the Trustees and the Reports of the special committees for detailed information.

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S. B. SMITH, 3d President Odd Fellows' Home

S. B. Smith was initiated into the Order in 1855 at Beloit, Wisconsin, and in the fall of the same year received the patriarchal degrees. In 1856 he removed to Fond du Lac, in the same State, and here deposited his withdrawal card in the Lodge, retaining his membership in the Encampment at Beloit. In 1860 he came to California, withdrawing his card from both Lodge and Encampment. In 1870 he became a member of Eureka Lodge No. 4 of Sacramento. In 1871 he joined Pacific Encampment No. 2 of the same city; in these two branches of the Order he has held membership continuously from that time. He is a charter member of Canton Sacramento, and has filled all the principal offices in both Lodge and Encampment, and all who know the Brother can well understand that he not only filled them with credit to himself and honor to the Order, but that in the discharge of every detail he was sure he was right before proceeding to make any move no matter how trivial it may have seemed to others. He has served the Grand Encampment as Grand Patriarch, and now holds the rank of Past Grand Patriarch. He has served on the Committee on State of the Order in the Grand Lodge for fourteen years continuously, every one of his associates on this Committee being able men of strong individuality. Has represented the Grand Encampment of California in the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the St. Louis, Missouri, and Portland, Oregon, Sessions, and was Chairman of the Committee on Unfinished Business. Was elected Trustee of the Odd Fellows' Home, and for several years served on the Finance Committee, and in 1899 was elected President of the Board to succeed George H. Morrison. Brother Smith is essentially a fraternal man, a lover of home, a devoted father, a husband in the full and complete sense of the term, a citizen worthy of the fullest trust.

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WESLEY F. NORCROSS.

Wesley F. Norcross was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1833. Received a common school education, and served an apprenticeship at the watch-making trade. Brother Norcross came to California via the Nicaragua route, in 1852, and was among the wrecked passengers on the steamship *North America*, below Acapulco, February 27, 1852. Arrived in San Francisco Bay April 29, 1852, on the brig *John Dunlap*, Captain Ellis, Commander, who later was Chief of Police of this city. He went to the mines in Placer County, and located in Auburn, Placer County, in October, 1852. Established the watch and jewelry business, and successfully conducted it in conjunction with the photographic business until in 1862 he removed to San Francisco, where he has ever since resided. In 1862 he was Superintendent and Manager of the California Unfermented Bread Co., located at the corner of 2d and Mission Streets, San Francisco, and later he was, for three months, connected with the Coast and Geodetic Survey (Western Coast Division), serving at Cape Argo, Empire City, Coosue Bay, Oregon. Returning to San Francisco, was again engaged at his trade, or profession, until in August, 1866, he was induced to associate himself with the *New Age*, I. O. O. F. official newspaper of California, with which interest he has ever since been identified, having been solicitor, proprietor, publisher, editor, etc., covering a space of over twenty-one years, relinquishing it to Dewey & Co. in 1887, only when force of circumstances compelled; but for the love he bore Odd Fellowship and his energetic and persistent efforts for the cause the *New Age*, like many other O. F. journals, would have perished in the struggles of its infancy. Brother W. F. Norcross was admitted to membership, by initiation, in Auburn Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., March 26, 1859, and commenced active service immediately by appointment to a subordinate office in the Lodge, on the second night of membership, and has been in the working harness ever since. Passed Vice Grand (2d term), January, 1862; elected Noble Grand for term commencing July, 1862; removed to San Francisco before completing the term; remained a member of No. 7 until February 10, 1866; then took a withdrawal card to assist in the organization and institution of Apollo Lodge No. 123, I. O. O. F., of which he became a charter member February 24, 1866, and was the Permanent Secretary for the first term; Recording Secretary (then the qualifying requirement for advancement), to December, 1866; Vice Grand, 1867, and Noble Grand to fill balance of term, 1867, made vacant by Judge Samuel H. Dwinelle's

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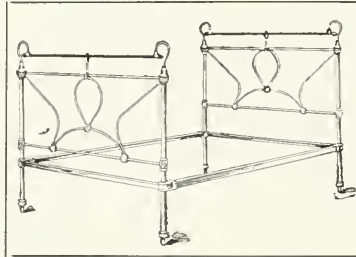


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inability to regularly attend Lodge meetings; passed term of Junior Past Grand December 31, 1867; was then re-elected Permanent Secretary and filled that office for six consecutive years, *missing but three meeting nights* during the entire time. He was admitted to the State Grand Lodge May, 1868, and has attended every session since, including May, 1899; was elected Representative of Apollo Lodge in 1869, 1870, 1871, 1881, 1883, 1884, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1896, 1898 and 1899; was appointed Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge May, 1885, and was the first to render the new and beautiful ceremony for public dedication, adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session, September, 1885, in dedicating the new Odd Fellows' Hall in San Jose, California, November 30, 1885; also, in dedicating the new Odd Fellows' Hall in St. Helena, California, January 21, 1886, and the new Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of 7th and Market streets, San Francisco, May 12, 1886. He assisted as Grand Secretary pro tem at the institution of the Grand Lodge, I. O. F., at Phoenix, Arizona, April 26, 1884, and delivered the address at the public celebration on that occasion; was mainly instrumental in the procurement of the new and beautiful location of the hall and property of the Odd Fellows, which they now occupy at Vallejo, California. Delivered the dedicatory address at the dedication of the new Odd Fellows' Hall at Blue Lake, Humboldt County, in October, 1891; was an attending visitor at the Sovereign Grand Lodge session, in Portland, Oregon, September, 1892; was for a number of years Chairman of the Committee on Odd Fellows' Home, and was elected one of the first Board of Directors; was the first initiate member of the Canton branch of the Order in California, Canton Sacramento No. 1, I. O. F., and was Major on General Russell's staff for eight years. He joined the Veteran Odd Fellows' Association of California May 12, 1879, and was its President May, 1885, to May, 1886; was a member of Oriental Encampment No. 57, and of Oriental Rebekah Lodge No. 90; has made more visitations throughout this jurisdiction than any other member of the Order; was delegate to the Odd Fellows' Library in 1871 and 1872; Chaplain of Apollo Lodge in 1898, and is its present Recording Secretary; a position he occupied in the same Lodge thirty-three years ago, and is still an active, earnest and faithful worker in the Lodge and Order, and promoter of all that pertains to the advancement and progress of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.



FREDERICK J. MOLL, SR.

Frederick J. Moll, Sr., was initiated into Union Lodge No. 179, at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, February 12, 1872; he filled all the Chairs, and was, for several years, Representative to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Owing to his wife's ill health he removed to Southern California in 1881. In 1891 Brother Moll took an active part in reviving the dormant interest in Orpheus Lodge No. 237, at Anaheim, and was its first Representative to the Grand Lodge of California in 1892. At this session Brother Moll introduced the resolution relative to the founding of an Odd Fellows' Home in California. Believing that something more than visiting the sick and burying the dead was essential to Odd Fellowship. He was appointed Chairman of the Special Committee to ascertain ways and means for the founding of such a home, and to report at the next session of the Grand Lodge. He made a thorough investigation by corresponding with all the Homes then existing in the United States, which report was submitted to the Grand Lodge at its session in 1893, and the founding of a Home for aged and dependent Odd Fellows, their wives, widows, and orphans, was adopted. Five Trustees were elected, and, in 1894, he was elected Trustee for five years. Upon the removal of Superintendent Bartlett Brother Moll was appointed to fill the vacancy in 1897, and this was done at the earnest solicitation of the members of the Order in Southern California. It was Brother Moll's ambition to make the Home what its founders had intended, but, unfortunately, he was only able to retain that important position for eighteen months, having broken down in health he resigned January 15, 1899. A kind heart and sympathetic nature make this brother beloved by all who know him.

There are now nearly one hundred residents in The Home whose every want is supplied by the Order which cheerfully furnishes the needed funds. During the last year there was expended by the Home management \$28,950.50. What a



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lesson to those who wonder why secret societies exist! Who seem unable to understand and fathom the heart that throbs for others' woes, nor comprehend an organization that visits the sick, relieves the distressed, buries the dead and cares for the widows and orphans. Yes; goes beyond this, and feeds, clothes, nurses and in every manner ministers to the brother who, having borne the heat and burden of the day, is no longer able to care for himself, and would, but for the protecting hand of Odd Fellowship, be dependent upon the charity of the world for the necessaries of life. In this respect our Order attracts the admiration of the world, for it takes the young man by the hand, leading him along through life by paths that are pleasant and peaceful, teaching him that he lives not for himself, but for others, subduing selfishness and imbuing him with high ideals and noble



JAMES F. THOMPSON, Past Grand Master

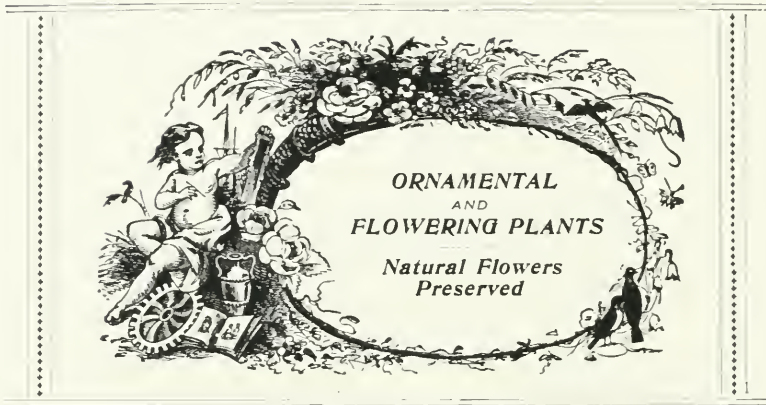
James F. Thompson was born at Union City, Pennsylvania, May 29, 1814; removed with his parents to Grant County, Wisconsin, in 1856; was educated in the public schools and at Tafton Collegiate Seminary, and married, August 15, 1864, Minerva J. Drake. He was initiated into Longworthy Lodge, No. 102, Wisconsin, October 11, 1869. In 1870 he was elected Vice Grand, but removed to Monona, Iowa, while serving in this office, to take charge of the public schools at that place. Here he joined Northern Light Lodge No. 156, and within the next two years passed through the Chairs. In 1872 he removed to Elkader, Iowa, and organized Elkader Lodge No. 304, and was elected the first Noble Grand. District No. 88, composed of ten Lodges, sent him to the Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1878, and retained him in that position most of the time until 1888. During a portion of that time he occupied the position of District Deputy Grand Master, and served in the Grand Lodge on the Committee of Appeals. In 1888 he went to California and located in Eureka, where he joined Fortuna Lodge No. 221. In 1889 he entered the Grand Lodge of California, and in 1891 he was elected Grand Warden; in 1892 Deputy Grand Master; in 1893 Grand Master; in 1894 Grand Representative, attending the Sovereign Grand Lodge that year at Chattanooga, and in 1895 at Atlantic City, New Jersey. In 1897 he was elected Trustee of the Odd Fellows' Home, and is at present Vice-President of the Board of Trustees. Brother Thompson began life as a teacher in the public schools of Wisconsin; has been principal of Cassville and Lone Rock, from 1865 to 1870; principal of schools at Monona, Iowa, from 1870 to 1872; at Elkader, Iowa, was County Superintendent, from 1874 to 1878; principal of the Elkader schools, from 1878 to 1881; resigning, he entered upon editorial work. In 1883 he was elected Clerk of the Courts of Elkader, serving until 1885. In 1886 and 1887 he was a Representative in the Iowa State Legislature. Since 1888 he has been editor and proprietor of the *Daily Standard*, of Eureka, California; and, since 1894, Receiver of the United States Land Office for the Humboldt Land District. In 1899 he was elected President of the California Press Association.

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years, he can, in peace, comfort and happiness, look forward to the gates ajar and catch a glimpse of that better Home where the brother, whose guiding star has been the teachings and practices of Odd Fellowship, will find freedom from the cares of this world.

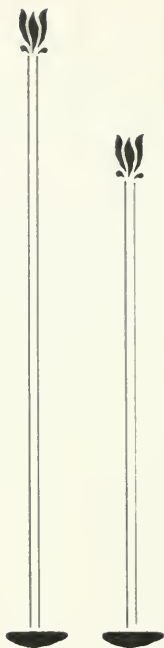
The Home, as it stands before the world, represents Friendship, Love, and Truth—Faith, Hope and Charity. It may be that many a brother who has had voice or part in the founding of this charity thinks little of what he has accomplished, yet in the sight of the God whose power our Order recognizes, the men who give to the helpless wards of the Order a good home in a healthful climate, where peace, happiness and contentment may be theirs, have accomplished more than he who may have stood amid the roar of cannon, and braved the dangers of battle for the cause of right.



A. F. JONES, Trustee I. O. O. F. Home

Brother A. F. Jones, P. G., Trustee and Resident Director of the Odd Fellows' Home, is a native of Colusa County, California, and was forty-one years of age on his last birthday, the 14th day of February, 1899. Brother Jones graduated from Yale College in the class of 1879, with a degree of LL. B. He has practiced his profession at Oroville for the past twenty years, being admitted to the Supreme Court of the States of Connecticut and California and the United States Courts. He became an Odd Fellow in December, 1880, as a member of Chico Lodge, and one year later joined the Lodge at Oroville, passed through the Chairs of that Lodge, and also joined Oro Encampment, and became a P. C. P. Brother Jones was a member of the Grand Encampment in 1886, and was a member of the Committee on Appeals of that body. He was also a member of the Grand Lodge of 1887, where he made the address in presentation of the Past Grand Master's jewel to Past Grand Master Reuben H. Lloyd. In 1891, Brother Jones took an interest in matters connected with the Odd Fellows' Home, and through his efforts obtained the presentation to the Grand Lodge of the present site and building of the Home, as a gift. In the Grand Lodge of 1892 he was elected one of the Trustees of the Odd Fellows' Home, and has served in that capacity, as a Resident Director, ever since; during which time he has obtained many valuable gifts for that institution, and taken a great interest in its welfare in every particular. Brother Jones is a married man with a family of three children, all of whom are natives of Oroville. He has taken some interest in political life, having been District Attorney in his own county and a representative in the Senate in 1886, where he was Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of that body. He has no ambitions for preferment in connection with the order, and takes no interest in its political affairs except so far as they relate to the interests of the Home.

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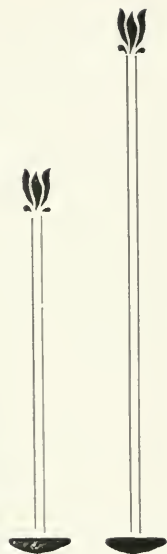
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That penetrates our lives and heightens them or shines.—*Longf.*



DAVID NEWELL, Trustee I. O. O. F. Home

David Newell was born in Michigan City, Indiana, in 1848. His parents were in ordinary circumstances, and the lad, being of an independent disposition, left home at fourteen years of age and found employment, driving a four-horse team hauling timber, at \$15 per month and board for one year. At the age of fifteen he began to learn the trade of plastering, remaining at this chosen occupation for five years. He came to California in 1869, and, being unsuccessful in finding work at his trade, he accepted a position as city salesman for a firm engaged in the salt business, remaining in this business until 1872; severing his connection with this firm in company with his brother they established the house of Newell & Brother. In 1875 the New York Soap Company was organized and added to the salt business. By superb management the capacity of this branch has been increased to five hundred thousand pounds monthly. In 1897 another addition was made in the formation of the Golden Gate Sal Soda Works, with a capacity of two hundred and forty thousand pounds monthly. Brother Newell has been noted for his close attention to business details, yet he has found time to interest himself in fraternal work. He was initiated into Occidental Lodge No. 179, I. O. O. F., in 1880; passed through all the Chairs and entered the Grand Lodge of California as a representative, and was a member of the Finance Committee 1895-96. He was elected one of the trustees of what is known as the Mission Street lot. This piece of property was donated years ago by the late Sam Brannan, and is held in common by all the Lodges in San Francisco, and has grown to be a valuable holding of the Order. Brother Newell was one of the charter members and principal promoters of Amity Rebekah Lodge No. 161, which swarmed from Templar in 1890. He was a member of the General Relief Committee in 1892-93. This period was the hardest on the wage earners that California has, perhaps, ever witnessed, and the suffering among the poor was unusual, and the Relief Committee of the I. O. O. F. was exceedingly active in relieving distress. A ball was given under its supervision for the benefit of what was known as the Friendship Fund. Brother Newell was active in this enterprise, and through his and the efforts of others the sum of \$1,071 was cleared. He was one of the organizers of the Christmas Cheer Fund, which, during his incumbency, raised \$1,000, and expended it, not for Christmas presents, but for the necessities of life during Christmas tide. Brother Newell was treasurer of this fund, and, with the president, personally distributed the money. Brother A. B. Richet was one of the members who, with Brother Newell, was particularly active in this work. Brother Newell's period of service in the Relief Committee covered the time of its reorganization. In 1895 Brother Newell was elected Trustee of the Odd Fellows' Home for five years. The Trustees in their report to the Grand Lodge at its last session credit him with commercial acumen and sagacity, which has been of great benefit in the transaction of Home business. Brother Newell is an ardent Odd Fellow, a wise, discreet business man, a fearless, outspoken, independent citizen, a loyal friend, and devoted husband and father, ready at all times to give of his time and his money to the cause of suffering humanity. He was the first to suggest that the fumates of the Home come to be Jubilee.

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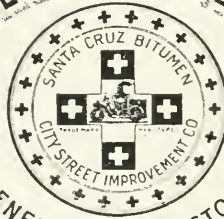
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Daniel Flint was born in Swanzy, New Hampshire, May 9, 1832, and came to California in 1853. He resided in San Francisco for five years, and in the spring of 1858 he went to Sacramento where he joined Capitol Lodge, No. 87, on March 23, 1857. He was installed Noble Grand in 1880; joined the Rebekahs in 1898, and in the same year was made Chairman of Special Committee appointed to report on I. O. O. F. Home. Brother Flint was elected Trustee of the Odd Fellows' Home in 1899.



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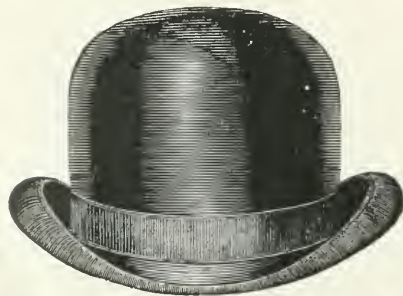
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JENNIE HILTON, wife of Dr. Hilton, is Matron of the Home. She is a Past Noble Grand of the Rebekahs; a gracious woman, who, as Matron, has the full confidence and respect of the residents of the Home. Ever mingling among them she enters heartily into their joys and sorrows; administering to their wants, she has proved herself a friend to those who feel the need of comfort and sympathy.

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These virtues are intricately woven into the fundamental principles of Odd Fellowship, and yet, woman's adaptability to the work was not recognized for several decades after the establishment of the Order.



SCHUYLER COLFAX, Past Grand Representative

Whenever the word "Rebekah" is mentioned to an Odd Fellow, his mind at once associates with that word the name of Schuyler Colfax, author and founder of the beautiful degree by which woman was brought into fellowship with the Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Colfax was a native of New York City, born March 23, 1823. He was reared and educated by a widowed mother to whose noble, womanly, Christian influence and training he ascribed all the success that attended his many years of useful service to his country and to his fellow man. In 1836 he removed with his family to South Bend, Indiana, which place was his real home for the remainder of his life. He was an ardent lover of his country, and filled many positions of public trust in his own State, representing her in Congress continuously from 1851 to 1869, being selected by that body as its Speaker for three terms, commencing in 1863. He was elected by the Republican Party to the Vice-Presidency of the United States in November, 1868, and served with great distinction from March 4, 1869 to March 4, 1873. But while all, no doubt, are interested in the life and work of Schuyler Colfax as a statesman and an officer in the service of his country, it is, however, his life and character as an Odd Fellow in which we are here especially interested. Brother Colfax was initiated in South Bend Lodge No. 29, on the 18th day of February, 1846, and continued an active member for thirty-nine years, the remainder of his life. He passed rapidly through the offices necessary to qualify him for a seat in the Grand Lodge of his own State, and was elected representative to that body in July, 1849, and the same year was elected by the Grand Encampment of Indiana as a representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, where he at once took high rank, becoming the associate and friend of Wilkey, Ridgely and other distinguished brothers, and during the ten years he remained a representative in this great body he was ever one of its most powerful and influential members, and always doing valuable service on leading committees. In 1850, when Chairman of the Legislative Committee, he had the opportunity offered him by which he became famous as the author and founder of the Rebekah Degree.

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The minority report was adopted, September 20, 1850, and Representatives Colfax, of Indiana, Martin, of Mississippi, and Steele, of Tennessee, were appointed the special committee as provided by the resolution. This committee faithfully performed the duty entrusted to them, and at the session of the Grand Lodge, held in the City of Baltimore in September, 1851, presented a report in the form of a complete ritual for the new degree, which was styled the Degree of Rebekah. This report was adopted by the Grand Lodge in secret session, September 20, 1851. While all the special committee favored the new degree and assisted in preparing the same, yet the language of the ritual and its construction was the work of Schuyler Colfax, and thus to him belongs the honor of being the author and founder of the beautiful degree that has proved such an invaluable acquisition to the great fraternity of Odd Fellowship. For thirty five years thereafter Brother Colfax lived, watching with peculiar interest the onward march of the degree he had so auspiciously created, and contributing to its progress by both word and act whenever opportunity offered, or whenever opportunity could be made. He lived to see the Rebekah Degree a firmly established, prosperous and powerful organization, and ever regarded his instrumentality in bringing about a just recognition of woman's adaptability to aid in the amelioration of human suffering, the elevation of human character and the improvement of the conditions of human life, through the instrumentality of the great Order of Odd Fellows, as one of the proudest achievements of his life. Brother Colfax died at Mankato, Minnesota, January 13, 1885, leaving a name honored and beloved by all—a name that will ever adorn one of the brightest pages of our Order's history, "One of the few, the immortal names, that were not born to die."



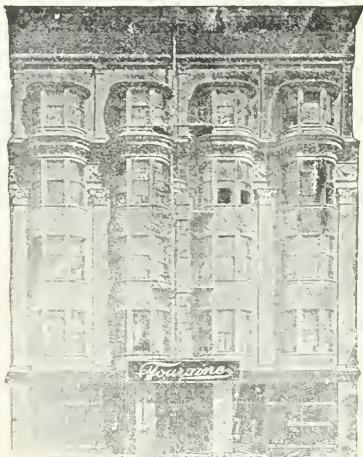
HELEN M. CARPENTER, President

Helen M. Carpenter was initiated into Cornelia Rebekah Lodge No. 205, on March 30, 1894, as a charter member. She passed through all the Chairs of this Lodge, and was elected as a representative to the Rebekah Assembly of 1896. In 1897 she was elected Warden; in 1898 Vice-President, and in 1899 President. Sister Carpenter is a woman of cultivation, delicate organism, refined, exceedingly gracious and artistic in temperament, whose home, in all its environments, bespeaks the womanly woman; whose goodness stops not in the limited sphere, broad though that may be, of her own home, but goes out to reach others. Such women accomplish more than any words can express. Her administration as President has thus far been a marked success.

On the 20th of September, 1851, the Rebekah Degree of Odd Fellowship was authorized through the indefatigable efforts of Schuyler Colfax.

There was perhaps more than the usual opposition which meets change and innovation, for misgivings and doubts of woman's adaptability to the work of the Order, apprehensions that her field of usefulness was not within the mystic circle, and very grave distrust of her capability to keep a secret, were obstacles that were well-nigh insurmountable.

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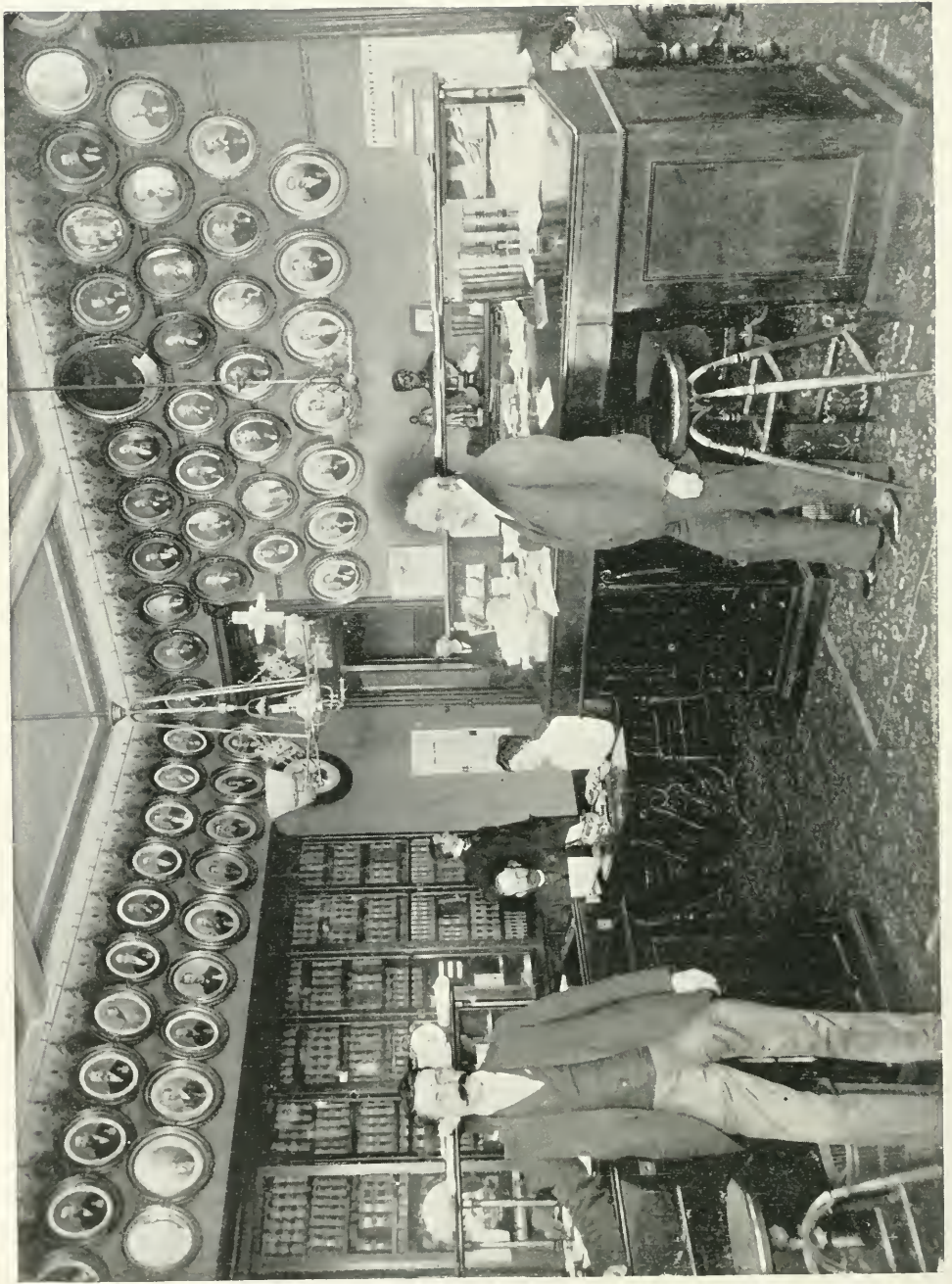
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Rebekah Odd Fellowship in 1851 was merely a complimentary Degree, and doubtful experiment, to-day it is an unparalleled success and certainty. Its influence is felt in every quarter of the globe; it comes as a refreshing draught to the "weary and heavy laden; it brings comfort and happiness where sorrow and desolation reigned; it seeks the "widow and fatherless," and provides homes, where in a balmy atmosphere of charity and kindness they are relieved of the trials and responsibilities of life.



MARY E. DONOHO, Secretary

Mary E. Donoho was initiated in Marysville Rebekah Lodge No. 89, in 1855. At the first election of officers of this Lodge, after her induction into the Order, she was elected Secretary, serving a term in this office and then passing successively through all the Chairs, becoming a Past Noble Grand, after which she was again elected Secretary, serving in this position several successive terms. In 1891, at the institution of the Rebekah Assembly, she was elected Secretary of that body, and has been annually elected to succeed herself since that time. In 1893 Sister Donoho represented the Rebekah Assembly of California in the National Convention of the Rebekahs held in Chicago during the Columbian Exposition. It is worthy of mention that at that representative body of American women, engaged in the great work of fraternal cultivation of the heart in charitable work, the subject of this sketch was elected Vice-President of the Association. When the election for representative took place in California there were one hundred and seventy-seven votes cast, and Sister Donoho received one hundred and sixty-two. From 1896 to 1897 she was Trustee for the Orphans' Home. This was during the formative period of the Home, when money was being gathered, plans laid, and the members of the Order stimulated to the good work of caring for the orphans. Much work was to be done which cannot be rehearsed here. Sister Donoho, on account of her position as Trustee and Secretary combined, together with her ability and adaptability for the work, was called upon to do it, and the manner in which she performed her task was a justification of the old saying: "If you want anything well done give it to the busy person." Space will not suffice, in an article like this, to make even a comparative analysis. The Rebekahs in assembly convened are annually doing this so far as Sister Donoho is concerned. Repeatedly she has been weighed in the balance and attestation made to her work: capable, industrious, intelligent, active, painstaking, and thorough in all she does, she has won her way into the hearts of all who have come in contact with her.



OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, I. O. O. F.

In the year 1897 the Rebekahs of the Grand Jurisdiction of America expended \$51,000 in relief. *This* represents only a portion of the work done, as benevolence and human sympathy cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

So faithfully and well have the Rebekahs done the work assigned them, that greater privileges and higher honors are received year by year, as the doors of the Order open wider for their full admission. No more gratifying compliment is desired than the avowal of the Brothers, "Rebekahs are a necessity."

California Rebekah Lodge No. 1 was the pioneer of this Coast, and was instituted June 30, 1870. This noble little band encountered many difficulties, and worked under many disadvantages, yet gallantly pressed forward on its fraternal mission, gaining in strength and enthusiasm as new Lodges were added to the list.

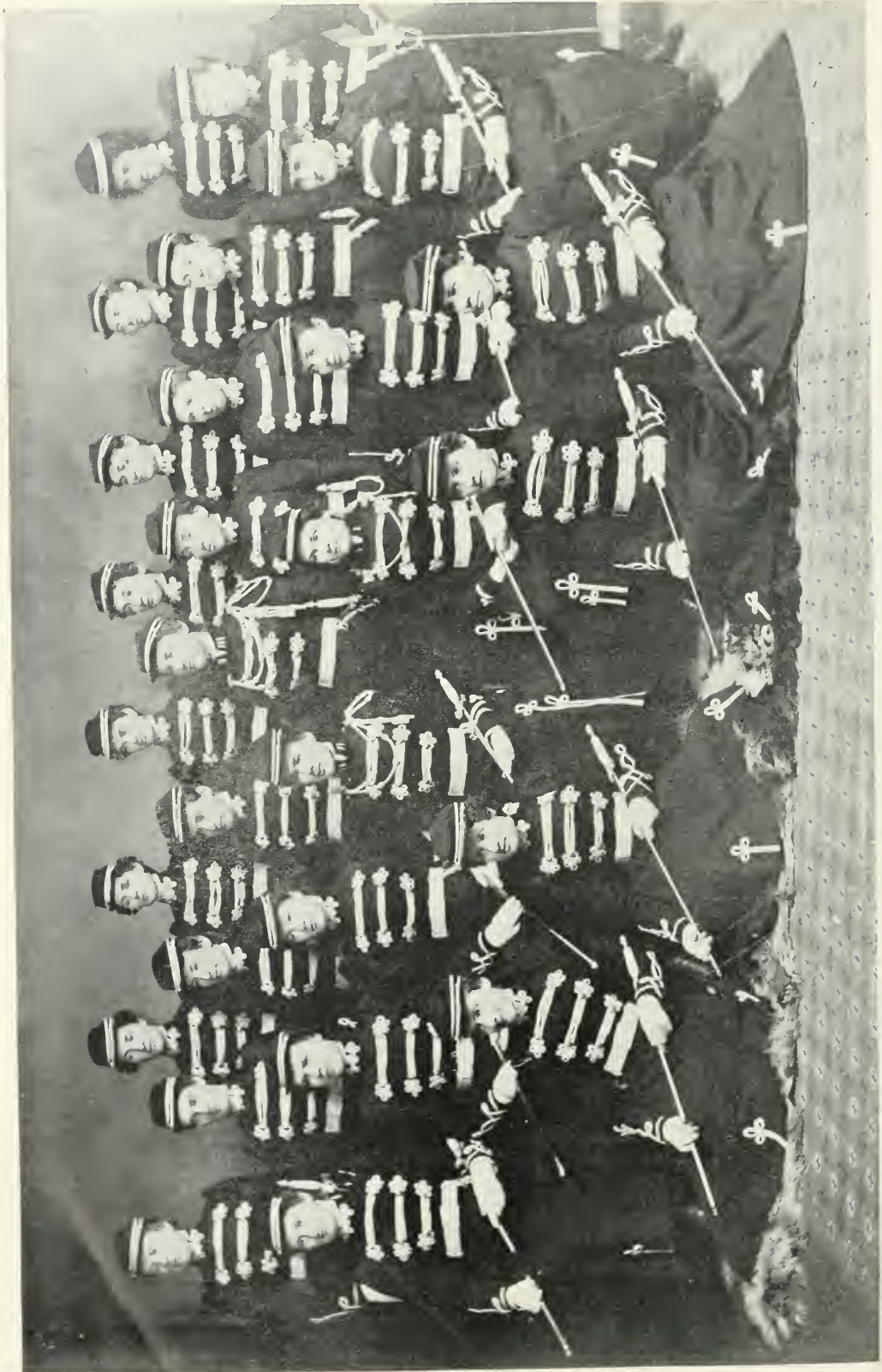


Mrs. ANNA LIESE, Treasurer

There are many loyal, energetic Rebekahs in our "Golden State," but none are more appreciated than Anna M. Liese, who is an indefatigable worker in the cause of Odd Fellowship. Since the foundation of the Orphans' Home at Gilroy, she has been among the most practical of the great army of Rebekahs who are engaged in carrying out the precepts of the Order—the protection and education of the orphan. Having the principles of Odd Fellowship at heart and the experience of a loving mother, the wants of the little ones in the Home are anticipated by this veteran Rebekah, and her efforts in Rebekah Lodges have been productive of many comforts that would have otherwise of necessity been delayed. Mrs. Liese has been a resident of East Oakland for the past thirty-seven years. On July 21, 1872, she was initiated into Brooklyn Rebekah Lodge No. 12, Brother John Holland being Noble Grand and Sister Julia Steere Vice Grand at that time. In 1879 she was elected Noble Grand, and in 1881 was installed as Treasurer, an office which she has held consecutively for eighteen years. Five years ago Mrs. Liese was elected Treasurer of the Rebekah Assembly and still serves in that honorable capacity. Twenty-seven years ago Brooklyn Lodge adopted a set of by-laws, the copy of which Mrs. Liese placed in the hands of that veteran Odd Fellow, Jos. Winterburn. The Rebekahs look upon Sister Liese as the mother of the Rebekahs of Alameda County and feel proud of her achievements for the good of the Order.

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for interchange of thought and a full discussion of the best plans for accomplishing the most good, and in 1891 culminated in the Rebekah State Convention. This marked a new era in Rebekah Odd Fellowship in California, and gave fresh impetus to the work.

At the second session of the Convention, in 1892, the initiatory movement toward establishing an Orphan's Home was made by the introduction of the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Convention of the Daughters of Rebekah, I. O. O. F., of California, start a fund that shall be known as the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home Fund of California."

In accordance with the foregoing, sums of money were put aside, from time to time, by the various Lodges, to aid in the erection of the prospective Home;



INTERIOR OF OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY

and these little accumulations proved a valuable assistance in furtherance of this very benevolent undertaking.

In 1895 the Rebekah State Convention resolved itself into the Rebekah Assembly, and one year later petitioned for and received from the Grand Lodge authority to locate, establish and maintain an Orphans' Home in California.

In pursuance of these plans, the corner stone of the Home was laid on May 8, 1897, at Gilroy, and in a few short months a beautiful and commodious structure, under the entire control and supervision of the Rebekahs, was sheltering those who claim the sympathy of all—children bereft of their natural protectors.

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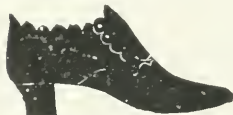
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THE Ladies' Auxiliary to Canton San Francisco No. 5 Patriarchs Militant was organized in compliance with a communication from Canton San Francisco No. 5 in June, 1899, San Francisco. This branch of Odd Fellowship is the only one in existence. It is under the supervision of the Canton San Francisco No. 5, and the by-laws, rules, etc., are very similar. The officers are: President, Mary M. Lane; Vice-President, Amy Webb; Secretary, Winnie Dowle; Treasurer, Mattie Perry.

The meetings of the Auxiliary are held in Odd Fellows' Building the first Tuesday in each month, and the initiation ceremonies promise to be as attractive as any branch of the Order. The Drill Corps, known as San Francisco Rebekah Drill Corps No. 2, is composed of members of the Auxiliary. The ladies in their uniforms of black broadcloth, trimmed with white silk braid, jaunty military caps, white belts and swords, and high top shoes present a very neat and attractive appearance when upon display drill. They are drilled in the military tactics of the Patriarchs Militant, and no doubt make these gentlemen look well to their laurels. The Drill Corps gave their first public exhibition in Assembly Hall, I. O. O. F. Building, on September 1, 1899, and were highly commended upon their personal appearance, as well as their skill in the tactics. The officers are as first appointed with the exception of Lieutenant Josephine Brown, who resigned on account of having sustained the loss of her mother. We can only acknowledge that the affliction is God's will, and be consoled by the sweet consolation that we will meet our loved and lost on the other side where partings are unknown.

See page 108 for drill corps.



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By WM. H. BARNES, Grand Scribe

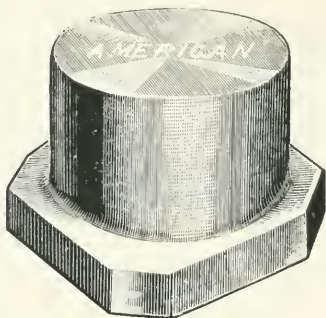
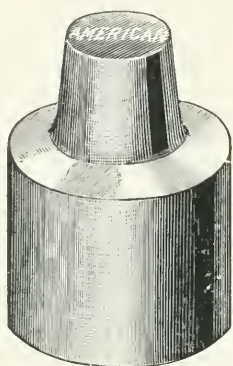


N a brief article like this but a mere epitome can be given of the subject alluded to. There is no authentic record of the origin of the first Encampment Degree. A notice of it appears in the records of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, February 21, 1821, where it is stated that an Encampment Degree was conferred upon Past Grand Larkham and others, and, as said Brother Larkham had just arrived from England, it is evident that he brought said degree with him. It is also positive that the Golden Rule and Royal Purple Degrees, or at least the former, were largely the work of the talented John P. Entwistle, of Baltimore.



J. W. HARRIS, Grand Patriarch

J. W. Harris was born in Pictou County, Nova Scotia, December 29, 1851; left home when he was seventeen years old, and for three years resided in the States of Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Illinois. In December, 1874, he visited his old home, and while there was initiated into Scotia Lodge No. 11, at Westville, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. In the spring of 1875 he came to California and for a year resided in San Francisco. In December, 1875, he became a member of Alta Lodge No. 325; in 1876 and 1877 he resided in different counties of the State, and was unable to give the attention to Odd Fellowship that he desired, but, removing to San Francisco in January, 1878, he became an active worker in the Lodge, passing successively through the Chairs of Warden, Secretary, Vice Grand, and Noble Grand, and for over five years, while the Lodge conferred the degrees on its own members, Brother Harris was Degree Master, conferring every degree in the Lodge for that period of time. In 1882, and again in 1887, he served as District Deputy Grand Master. In 1880 he was initiated into Oriental Encampment No. 56, at once taking an active part in Patriarchal Odd Fellowship. In this encampment he has served as Guide, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, High Priest and Chief Patriarch, becoming Past Chief Patriarch in two years after his initiation into the encampment branch of the Order; was elected delegate to the Grand Encampment upon becoming Past Chief Patriarch, and was placed upon the Finance Committee in that body. He has been successively elected Grand Senior Warden, Grand High Priest and Grand Patriarch. In 1888 he was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge to succeed Moses Greenbaum, Past Grand Treasurer. Brother Harris has been a member of the Patriarchs Militant for several years; was Assistant Adjutant General under General Crosett, and now is Chief of Staff under General



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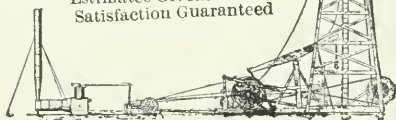
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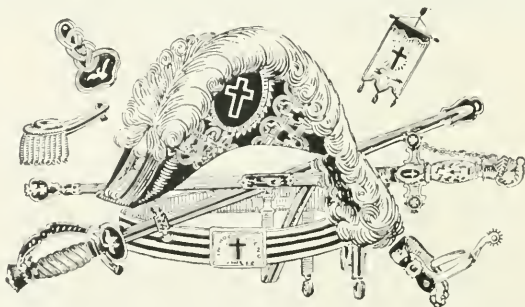
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Sherman; has been Vice-President of the I. O. O. F. Hall Association, of San Francisco, for years, and is a member of Templar Rebekah Lodge No. 19. Brother Harris has been connected with the California Street Cable Railroad for twenty-one years, and for the last fifteen years has been superintendent of that road. He is a man of strong individuality, extremely practical, a thorough judge, of width, breadth and thickness; quiet and dignified in his bearing; an excellent judge of men, Brother Harris has a host of friends. As a speaker he is terse, going directly to the point, expressing himself clearly, logically and with force; thoroughly familiar with the ritualistic and sign language of the Order, and devoted to the teachings of Odd Fellowship, his administration as Grand Patriarch is successful, not only in building the Order up numerically, but in cementing closer the bonds of Faith, Hope and Charity. One of the distinguishing features of Patriarch Harris' administration has been his fraternal visits. During the entire year, whenever it was possible for him to do so, he has invited large numbers of members of the Order to visit Encampments with him, paying all the expenses. In many instances this course has stimulated the Encampments visited to an unusual degree.

The first Encampment was instituted in Baltimore, Md., May 15, 1827, under the title of Encampment Lodge No. 1.

The first Grand Encampment was the Grand Encampment of Maryland. It was instituted December 31, 1831, of which Thos. Wildey was the first Grand Patriarch and of which the revered Jas. L. Ridgely was a charter member. At the present writing there are 54 Grand Encampments, with 130,000 members, among which stands California on the Western slope of the Continent with ninety Encampments and 5,341 Patriarchs.



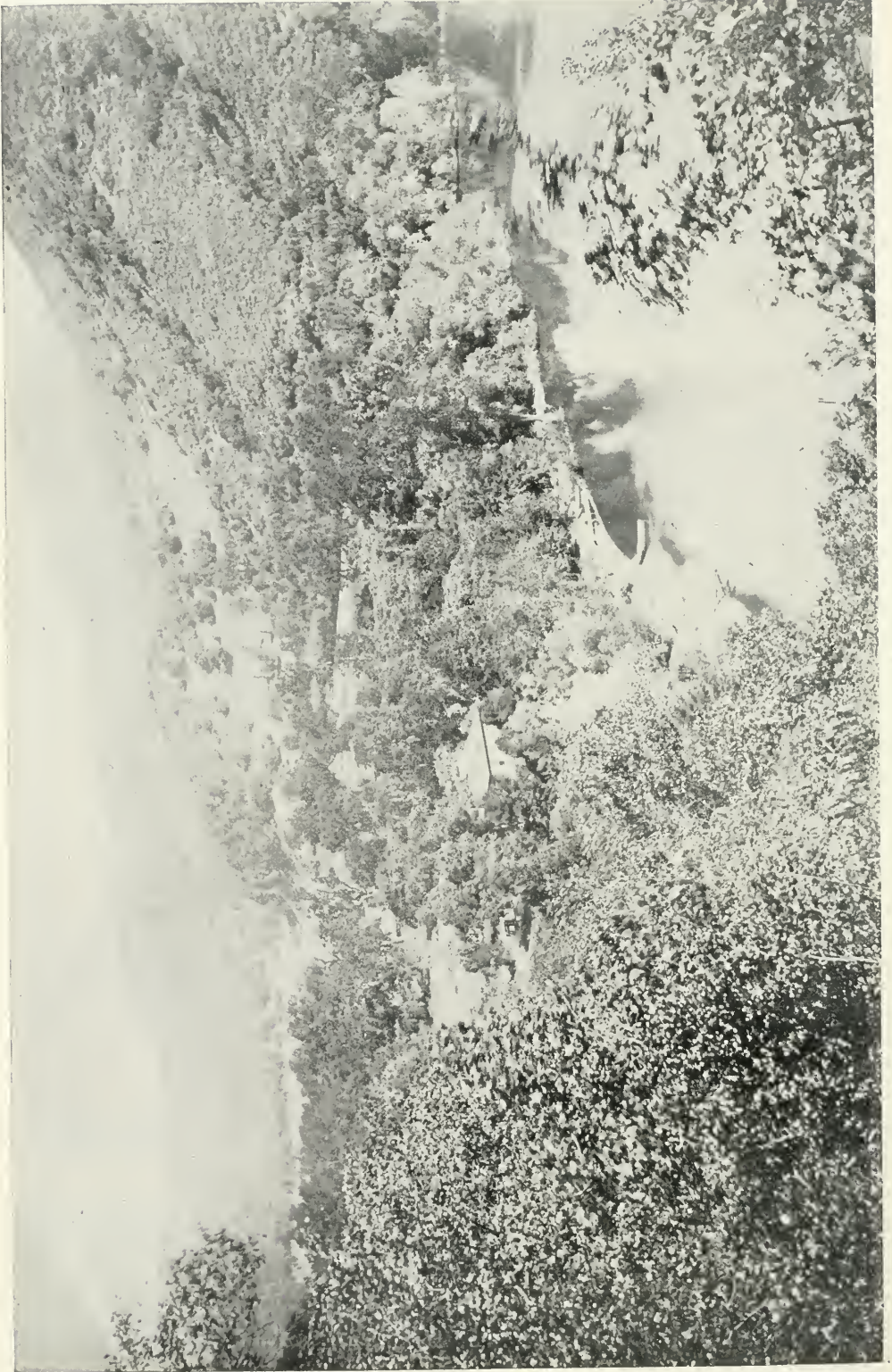
JOSEPH FOSTER, Grand High Priest

We present herewith the portrait of Joseph Foster, who was born in Sacramento, California, August 15, 1856. After receiving his education there he moved to San Diego, where he has led an active business life. He is now the sole proprietor of the Julian Stage Line from San Diego, carrying passengers, express and mail; his address is No. 1317 E Street, San Diego. Patriarch Foster is a typical gentleman and a man of affairs, possessing, to a large degree, those elements which constitute a successful business man. He joined San Diego Lodge No. 153, on March 24, 1883; Centennial Encampment No. 58, on November 15, 1883; passed the Chairs in both Lodge and Encampment in 1890; in 1891 was elected delegate to the Grand Encampment, held in Sacramento; in 1892 was appointed Grand Sentinel, and reappointed in 1893, 1894 and 1895. At the session of 1896 he was elected Grand Junior Warden; in 1897, Grand Senior Warden, and in 1898 was elected Grand High Priest.

Golden Gate Encampment No. 1 was instituted February 1, 1853, in San Francisco. The Grand Encampment was chartered September 7, 1854, and its first session was held at Stockton in May, 1855. Its first Grand Patriarch was Samuel H. Parker.

T. Rodgers Johnson was the first Grand Scribe, and held that honorable station until the date of his death, January 11, 1876. Walter B. Lyon was elected to succeed him in 1877, and was in office when death called him home, November 4, 1893. William H. Barnes was appointed to the vacancy in 1893, and has since been annually re-elected to said position.

The progress of the Encampment branch in California, while never extraordinary in any particular single year, has been steady and stable. To be abso-



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lutely perfect in the written and unwritten work in all the branches has been the pride of this jurisdiction. All improvements, "beautified work," striking illustrations, and whatever could lend attraction and interest, have been immediately adopted here; these, together with original ideas, have caused the Encampment work of California to win commendation from all who have witnessed it. No grand officer has ever assumed his station who was not adept in the same; no subordinate Encampment official but would deem himself unworthy of his office did he not, with his staff of officials, perform the work without the use of books; and the requirement of the Grand Encampment that no officer shall be installed who is not competent is largely the reason for the eminence of California in this regard.

Until 1880 the Grand Encampment met on the evenings of the days that the Grand Lodge held sessions. It was believed that this procedure was detrimental to the interest and careful consideration of patriarchal matters; and, in



R. D. GUMMOE, Grand Senior Warden

R. D. Gummoe was born in England, October 2, 1845. His father was a mining engineer, and the lad, being not of a robust constitution, was taken by his father on his mining trips to Germany, and other points, finally coming to California, and, being pleased with our climate and the country generally, remained here. In August, 1872, he was initiated into Grass Valley Lodge No. 12, I. O. O. F., and in due time passed through the Chairs, becoming a Past Grand. In 1874 he joined Union Encampment, passed the Chairs, and entered the Grand Encampment. In 1897 he was elected Grand Junior Warden, and in 1898 was advanced to the position he now holds. Brother Gummoe is a zealous worker in the Order; a citizen of worth, and a good neighbor.

1880, amid many misgivings, it was determined to try the experiment of holding the session at a different date; the third Tuesday in October was selected, and provision made for paying mileage to one representative from each subordinate. The annual sessions since this change went into effect have demonstrated the wisdom and judgment of this practice.

The five last sessions have been held as follows: Santa Rosa, 1894; Stockton, 1895; Santa Cruz, 1896; Los Angeles, 1897; San Jose, 1898. The magnificent reception of the local brethren, the enthusiasm among the members created by the sessions and public display, the interest evident among the people by the appearance in their midst of the officials and patriarchs, have been beyond all question of inestimable value.

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Wm. H. Barnes Grand Scribe

This brother, probably one of the best known society men in the world, was born in Boston, Mass., Sept. 22, 1834. His parents moved to Georgia when he was about 6 years of age. He was initiated in Sylvan Lodge No. 1, of Milledgeville, Ga., on his 21st birthday, entered the Grand Lodge of that State in 1859, appointed D. D. G. M. in 1860; elected D. G. M. in 1861; elected Grand Master in 1862. In the Grand Encampment he was elected Grand Patriarch in 1863 and served in that office until the close of the War in 1865, when he was elected as representative to the S. G. L. for the sessions of 1865 and 1866. He afterwards removed to Boston, Mass., thence to New York City, where he was connected with the *American Odd Fellow* and also established the weekly journal known as the *Heart and Hand*, which was published until 1877 when he came to California on a lecturing tour and decided to remain. He became connected here with the *New Age*, which journal he now owns, and joined Unity Lodge No. 131 and Oriental Encampment No. 57, of San Francisco, by card. He was elected Secretary of the Veteran Odd Fellows in 1879, and has been re-elected every year since. At the death of Grand Scribe Lyon in 1893 he was appointed to fill the vacancy, and has been re-elected every year since. Brother Barnes is also a P. G. M. W. of the A. O. U. W. and a P. G. D. of the Knights of Honor, having served two terms in both positions and has written several rituals for various orders, which are now used by them. It has been his privilege to deliver fraternal addresses in nearly every State of the American Republic and in Canada, and although more than three-score years have passed with him, he is still earnest and zealous in the cause. He was the originator of the Fraternal Society Departments in secular newspapers and on this continent, and as a writer in this line for more than forty years is extensively and favorably known.

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M. K. SHEARER	1859-60	Deceased
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J. A. J. BOHEN	1863-64	Deceased
C. L. THOMAS	1864-65	Deceased
LEWIS SOHER	1865-66	Deceased
A. B. ASHER	1866-67	San Francisco
B. W. BARNES	1867-68	Deceased



C. H. WEYER, Grand Junior Warden

Brother Weyer was born in Coventry, Rhode Island, February 27, 1850. He was initiated in Charro Lodge No. 168 at San Luis Obispo, California, in December, 1883; was Noble Grand from January to July, 1886; was reelected to this position, serving from January to July again in 1890. He was one of the chief movers in the organization and institution of Columbia Lodge No. 40, in conjunction with S. W. L. Downes, P. G. P., and J. Henry Applegate, P. G. P., in Alameda, and became one of the charter members and was elected Junior Past Grand for the first term; was instrumental with F. H. Gilbert, P. G. P., in organizing Sunset Encampment No. 25, at Alameda, and served as C. P. from July, 1895, to the end of the term. In 1896 he was chosen as D. D. G. P. and served two years in that position in charge of District No. 27; in 1897 was Grand Marshal of the Grand Encampment; in 1898 he was elected Grand Warden. Brother Weyer is a member of Fair Oaks Rebekah Lodge No. 1. In 1897 he was elected Commandant of Canton Oakland No. 11, of Oakland, and reelected in 1898. Serving in this position two years, he was elected Lieutenant Colonel 2d Regiment Patriarchs Militant, April, 1898, and is now serving in this office. He is one of the most finished workers the Patriarchal branch of the Order has ever had, while D. D. G. P. the manner in which he performed the duties of his office won golden opinion from all who had the pleasure of witnessing the installation of officers and the ceremonies incident thereto. In the discharge of all duties of an Odd Fellow in the Subordinate Lodge, the Rebekah Lodge or the Encampment, he is punctilious, active and energetic, always courteous, is popular among his fraters and business men; on all questions pertaining to the welfare of the Order he has positive opinions and expresses them without fear, favor or partiality. A safe man, a good adviser and a loyal friend, the affairs of the Encampment branch of the Order will be safe in his hands, when in the course of time he is called to administer the high office of Grand Patriarch.

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	<i>Date of Service.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
CHARLES N. FOX	1868-69	San Francisco
E. W. ROBERTS	1869-70	Deceased
COLUMBUS BARTLETT	1870-71	San Francisco
LEWIS KORN	1871-72	Deceased
E. W. BRADFORD	1872-73	Deceased
GEO. H. MORRISON	1873-74	Berkeley
SAMUEL ISAACKS	1874-75	Deceased
ALBERT SHEPARD	1875-76	Deceased
H. S. WINN	1876-77	San Francisco
I. W. HAYS, JR.	1877-78	Grass Valley
JOHN F. BROWN	1878-79	San Francisco
LEE ELLSWORTH	1879-80	Petaluma



O. W. ERLEWINE, Past Grand Patriarch.

O. W. Erlewine was initiated into Elk Grove Lodge No. 274, Sacramento County, in 1880, and has been an active worker in the subordinate Lodge continuously since. In 1881 he withdrew from this Lodge and joined his fortunes, fraternally, with Capitol Lodge No. 87, of the City of Sacramento, and is now a Past Grand of that Lodge. He joined Occidental Encampment No. 43, in 1882, and is now a Past Chief Patriarch of that Encampment. He has been a member of the Patriarchs Militant from the date of the organization of that branch of the Order, and is a Past Captain of Canton, Sacramento No. 1. He served this Canton as Captain for six years continuously, during which time the Canton won at competitive drilling cash prizes to the amount of \$1,500. Out of five contests this Canton won three, one of these being won at the Sovereign Grand Lodge, held in Portland in 1892. In addition to the prize won by the Canton at the Sovereign Grand Lodge Session, Brother Erlewine was awarded the prize of \$50 for the best commanding officer. Past Grand Patriarch Erlewine has been successively elected Grand Junior Warden, Grand Senior Warden, Grand High Priest, and, at the session of 1897, was elected Grand Patriarch, conducting the affairs of Patriarchal Odd Fellowship well, and handing over to his successor, Grand Patriarch Harris, the Grand Encampment affairs in splendid condition. For several years he has conducted the public schools at Sacramento in a highly satisfactory manner.

W. T. GALLOWAY	1880-81	San Francisco
R. S. ROBBINS	1881-82	Deceased
E. H. BLACK	1882-83	San Francisco
J. H. APPLGATE, Jr.	1883-84	Deceased

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L. A. SIMON	1885-86	Oroville
J. F. CROSETT	1886-87	San Francisco
A. R. LORD	1887-88	Nevada City
JOHN A. NACE	1888-89	San Francisco
SAMUEL B. SMITH	1889-90	Sacramento
ARTHUR P. MORSE	1890-91	San Bernardino
JAMES LEONARD	1891-92	Merced
C. W. SAVAGE	1892-93	Santa Rosa
L. W. S. DOWNS	1893-94	Alameda
GEO. F. ROESCH	1894-95	Stockton
GEO. W. REID	1895-96	Santa Cruz
J. T. DORAN	1896-97	Tulare
O. W. ERLEWINE	1897-98	Sacramento

OFFICIAL MEDAL.

This Souvenir Badge has been adopted by the Odd Fellows for the coming Golden Jubilee. It was designed and patented by H. S. Winn, Past Grand Patriarch, and Past President of the Veteran Odd Fellows' Association, and represents not only the early history of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction, but will recall to the minds of all old pioneers the days when the money known as "50.00 slugs" was in circulation, being the shape and color of that fascinating coin. The portrait represents Samuel Parker, the first Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of the Order on this Coast. The emblems represent the four branches of the Order.




H. S. WINN, Past Grand Patriarch



H. S. Winn was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, May 4, 1824; was initiated into Franklin Lodge No. 23, Boston, December 13, 1844, and Triniton Encampment No. 2, Boston, May 10, 1845. On the fourth day of February, 1852, he started for California on the ill-fated steamer *North America*, which was wrecked off the coast of Mexico, and in common with the other passengers suffered many hardships. After a detention on the beach with eleven hundred other passengers he, with several others, made the journey of ninety miles on muleback to Acapulco, thence by sailing vessel to San Francisco where he arrived July 8, 1852. The following day he proceeded to Sacramento where he opened the pioneer Boston Bakery. Business was good, profits large, and in 1859 he retired from business with a fortune. The great flood of 1861-62 swept away all he had. In 1862 he went to Virginia City, Nevada, and engaged in general merchandising, and also conducted an extensive lumber yard. In 1863 he joined Nevada Lodge No. 7, of Virginia City, Nevada, and also Pioneer Encampment No. 1. He passed the Chairs in this Encampment. Withdrawing from Nevada Lodge he became a charter member of Olive Branch Lodge No. 12, and was the first Noble Grand. He entered the Grand Lodge Nevada in 1867. In May, 1870, he entered the Grand Encampment of California. In 1875 this body placed him in the position of Grand High Priest from the floor. In 1876 he was elected Grand Patriarch. In 1879 he represented the Grand Encampment in the Sovereign Grand Lodge. He is one of the original members of the Veterans' Association of California; a Past President, and at present is Chairman of the Board of Directors of that body; a member of Canton No. 5, Patriarchs Militant, of San Francisco; holds membership in Oriental Rebekah Lodge No. 90; is a member of the Executive Committee of the Golden Jubilee Celebration, and Chairman of the Committee on Souvenir Badges, and is designer of the same. Brother Winn has been a member of the Order fifty-five years; is now hale and hearty, always ready to

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OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

WM. H. BARNES Georgia San Francisco

OFFICERS 1898-99.

J. W. HARRIS *Grand Patriarch* San Francisco
 JOSEPH FOSTER *Grand High Priest* San Diego
 R. D. GUMMOE *Grand Senior Warden* Grass Valley
 WM. H. BARNES *Grand Scribe* I. O. O. F. Hall, San Francisco
 GEO. W. LEMONT *Grand Treasurer* San Francisco



J. F. CROSETT, Past Grand Patriarch

J. F. Crosett was born in Boston in 1844 of Puritan stock. At an early age he came to California and located at Grass Valley, where he learned the art of type setting. In 1863 he changed his residence to San Francisco. February 10, 1870, he was initiated in Pacific Lodge, I. O. O. F.; in 1878 he became Noble Grand of this Lodge; in 1880 was D. D. G. M. In 1875 he joined Golden Gate Encampment No. 1, and in 1879 was Chief Patriarch; 1883 and 1884 was D. D. G. P. for District No. 1; in 1886 he was elected Grand Patriarch, and under his leadership Patriarchal Odd Fellowship was greatly advanced; in 1888-89 he represented the Grand Encampment of California in the Sovereign Grand Lodge; in 1888 he held again the office of D. D. G. P. He became a member of Canton No. 5, Patriarchs Militant, and served on the Staff of General E. H. Black as Assistant Surgeon, with the rank of Captain. In 1887 he was appointed Major and Assistant Adjutant-General to Brigadier-General E. K. Russell; April 26, 1888 was commissioned as Assistant Adjutant-General on Brigadier-General E. H. Black's Staff, which office he held for six years; April 27, 1894, was elected Brigadier-General Patriarchs Militant, for three years; was elected President of Veteran Odd Fellows' Association of California in 1897, for one year. After a continuous membership of twenty-five years with Pacific Lodge, Brother Crosett withdrew in March, 1895, to join Unity Lodge No. 131, of which he is now a member. Out of twenty-nine years' membership in the Order, twenty-seven years have been spent in active official work.

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 J. T. DORAN *Grand Representative* Tulare
 O. W. ERLEWINE *Grand Representative* Sacramento
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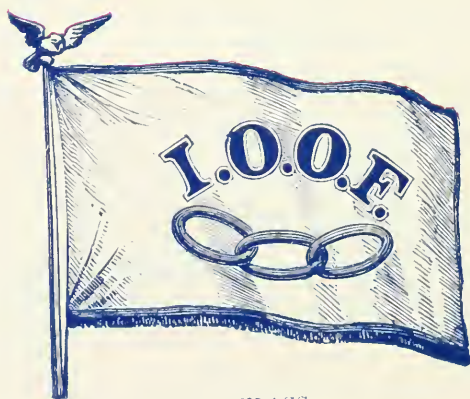


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The following Patriarchs have represented the Grand Encampment in the Sovereign Grand Lodge (the dates attached are the years of their service): T. Rodgers Johnson, 1858; David Kendall, 1859; J. A. Hickok, 1861; A. S. Iredale, 1860; T. C. Osborn, 1862; Henry Kimball, 1863; N. W. Shuster, 1864; D. Norcross, 1865-1866; W. A. Gilman, D. Meker, 1867; George M. Garwood, D. B. Woolf, 1868; B. W. Barnes, 1869; Chas. N. Fox, 1869-1870; Nathan Porter, 1870-1871-1872-1873-1874-1875-1876-1877; D. McLaren, 1871-1872; C. H. Randall, 1873-1874-1879-1880-1881-1882-1883-1884-1885-1886-1887-1888; Jacob F. Miller, 1875-1876; F. P. Dann, 1877-1878; George W. Lewis, 1880; Grove L. Johnson, 1881; W. T. Galloway, 1882; L. L. Alexander, 1883-1884-1885; W. W. Lyman,



A. R. LORD, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Recorder

Brother A. R. Lord, P. G. P. and P. G. R., of Nevada City is a native of Maine and came to California with his father in 1858. He was initiated into Oustomah Lodge No. 16 in 1871. He at once became an active worker, passing the Chairs in 1873 and representing his Lodge in the Grand Lodge in 1874, and has continued one of its representatives to the Grand Lodge most of the time since. He was admitted a member of Union Encampment No. 11 at Grass Valley in 1871 and the same year formed one of the charter members that instituted Mistletoe Lodge No. 47, and since 1875 there has been very few more regular attendants at Grand Encampment sessions than Brother Lord. He was elected Grand Patriarch in 1887; visited nearly every Encampment in the State, adding largely to the membership; in 1888 he was elected Grand Representative and was one of the California Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the sessions of 1889 and 1890; is a member of Neva Rebekah Lodge No. 119; was one of the early members of San Francisco Canton No. 5 and helped form Neva No. 6; was Aid on the staff of Gen. Russell and of Gen. Black, with the rank of Captain. Brother Lord is a member of the Veteran Odd Fellows' Association and still an active worker in the Order.

1886-1887; J. F. Crosett, 1889; A. R. Lord, 1889-1890; Jno. A. Nace, 1890; S. B. Smith, 1891-1892; A. S. Ward, 1891; A. P. Morse, 1892-1893; Jas. Leonard, 1893-1894; C. W. Savage, 1894-1895; L. W. S. Downs, 1895-1896; Geo. F. Roesch, 1896-1897; George W. Reid, 1897-1898; J. T. Doran, 1898-1899; O. W. Erlewine, 1899.

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sick and dying ascended from the alter fires of this glorious brotherhood. Although denied the privilege of a complete organization, they yet came together, bound themselves by an informal pledge, and like a band of pure Samaritans devoted themselves with untiring zeal to the wants and necessities of suffering humanity. General A. M. Winn was elected President of the Association, than whom no man could have been more active in his charity Daniel McLaren, Secretary, and Captain E. K. Gallup, Treasurer; every member of this body became one of a visiting committee whose duty it was to keep the society constantly



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advised of every dependent subject of distress coming to their knowledge. From this Association, the history of which would thrill the heart of every lover of humanity, an immense and unmeasurable amount of relief was dispensed. But this was not sufficient to dissipate the increasing calamity. Men still sickened and died without assistance. Men were still buried in the filth of an unattended sickness, and frequently without the benefit of being sewed up in a blanket for interment. Rough pine coffins ranged from \$60 to \$150, and it was not expected that in the midst of such distress and poverty coffins could be always procured. The Association of Odd Fellows spent thousands of dollars for coffins alone; and, when General Winn became the executive officer of the city government, August 25th, no man was denied a coffin burial." The Association was formed August 20, 1849. General A. M. Winn was born in London County, Va., April 27, 1810. Daniel McLaren was born in New York, September 12, 1819.

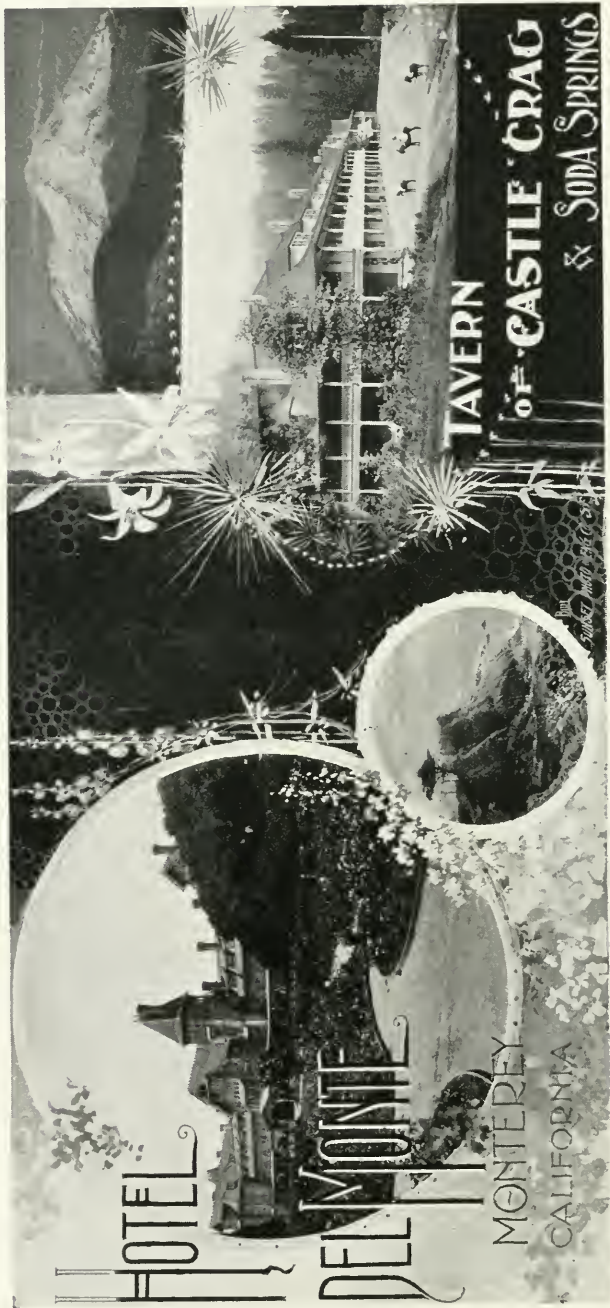
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THE first General Relief Committee of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of California was organized at Sacramento, California, on the 20th day of August, 1849, Brother A. M. Winn being President and Brother Daniel McLaren, Secretary. The Committee then was known as the "Odd Fellows' Association of Sacramento."

Those were trying times for visiting committees, and Bro. Winn, in reporting to the Grand Lodge of 1857, speaks feelingly of the work done in those early days, as follows: "Their charter to work was the principles of charity implanted within them. Their Lodge room was confined to no definite boundary; the earth was its ground floor, and the canopy of ethereal blue its dome. Nor were the labors confined to Odd Fellows only, but the hundreds that were then suffering here were, all alike, recipients of their bountiful care." He then refers to the committee as "Our Heaven-Chartered Association," and now after 50 years the



W. A. S. NICHOLSON

Brother W. A. S. Nicholson, Chairman of the Reception Committee of the Golden Jubilee Celebration, I. O. O. F., was born in New Orleans, La., 50 years ago. He arrived in San Francisco in March, 1861, where he has resided continuously ever since. He received his education at the University (City) College, this city, which school was conducted for a number of years at the southeast corner of Geary and Stockton Streets, where the Spring Valley Water Works Building now stands. He studied law in this city with Honorable Walter Van Dyke, now an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of this State, and was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of California on October 21, 1872. Brother Nicholson was married in 1877 to Miss Mary E. Clark, a teacher in the Public Schools of this city at the time. They have one child, a young man 18 years of age—Walter E. Nicholson. Brother Nicholson became an Odd Fellow October 5, 1887, having joined Golden West Lodge No. 322, by initiation. He is a Past Grand of that Lodge and served as a delegate to the Grand Lodge of this State two successive terms, being now a member of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates of the Grand Lodge. Brother Nicholson is also a Past President of the Board of Relief, I. O. O. F., of this city. He has also served the city and county as Justice of the Peace, Police Judge, Prosecuting Attorney (two terms), Special Counsel for the city and county (three terms), and has also been a member of the Republican State Central Committee and of the Republican County Committee. Brother Nicholson always takes an interest in Odd Fellowship, and can always be found busily engaged where there is any work to do for the good of the Order.

Relief Committees of our Order in this State are under the same charter, and under the same banner of "Friendship, Love and Truth" are still marching on to the relief of those who are sick and in distress. The General Relief Committee, I. O. O. F., of San Francisco was instituted December 6, 1852, and was recognized and its legality established at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1854.

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	\$324,522.07	
Profit and Reserve Fund	\$41,231.87	

ASSETS	-	June 30, 1897
	\$562,919.34	
Profit and Reserve Fund	\$66,157.71	

ASSETS	-	June 30, 1898
	\$986,401.30	
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At the time of the establishment of the General Relief Committee of San Francisco there were only two Lodges of Odd Fellows in existence there, viz. California Lodge No. 1 and San Francisco Lodge No. 3. The brothers who composed the committee were almost in despair at the magnitude of their work, and were almost disheartened at the appalling number of calls for assistance; and yet they struggled on in the face of adversity. The city being the terminus of all the steamers bearing passengers from the Atlantic States, hundreds of indigent Odd Fellows were attracted here, many of whom left home with barely enough to pay their passage to California. A great many, if not the majority, were newly made Odd Fellows, knowing but little of the principles of the Order. Directly upon their arrival many of them applied for money to go to the mines, which was generously donated with hardly a dissenting voice. Many became ill on the steamers, and were hurried to the various hospitals. They were cared for by the Order, their expenses paid, and at the end were sent away rejoicing. Many were



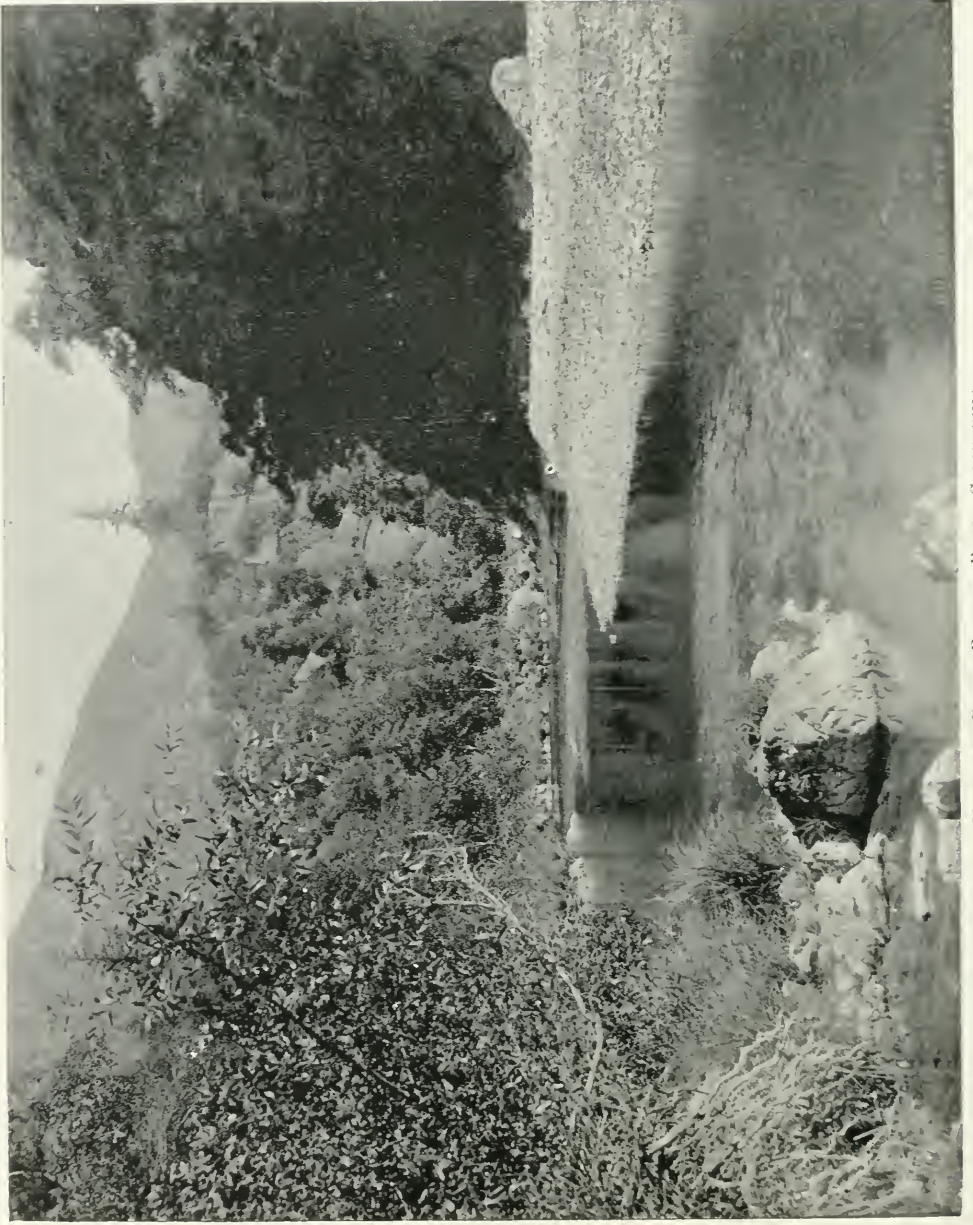
LOUIS KRAGEN

Louis Kragen was born in the City of New York, April 17, 1860, and came to California with his parents in 1862, and while not a Californian by birth he comes so near to it that any Parlor of Native Sons of the Golden West might well afford to accept him as a member. He received his education in the public schools of San Francisco, and entered into business in 1880. He was initiated into Golden Gate Lodge No. 204 February 13, 1894, becoming at once an active, energetic working member of the Lodge. He held various offices in the Lodge, always equipping himself creditably and doing energetically whatever there was given him to do. He was elected Noble Grand January 1, 1897, and during the month of August, 1896, while holding office of Vice Grand and by virtue of this office representing his Lodge in the General Relief Committee, he was elected Treasurer, and held the office for two years. During his term of office in the General Relief Committee he was presented with a handsomely engrossed set of resolutions from the Committee, expressive of their appreciation. At the session of the Grand Lodge, 1899, Brother Kragen was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 68. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Golden Jubilee, and here, as elsewhere, has shown his activity and good business sense. He is married, has two boys and five girls, his oldest child is a boy of fifteen.

never heard of afterwards, and many returned,—some in the flush of success, some discouraged and heartbroken, without families to tend them when sick or friends to care for them, other than their brothers of the Relief Committee.

On July 24, 1853, Harmony Lodge No. 13 sent representatives to the Committee, on October 2d Yerba Buena No. 15 joined, and on December 11th Templar No. 17 also sent representatives, making five Lodges in all; and as the Secretary reports to Grand Master S. H. Parker "they made a perfect and complete organization." Twenty-six Lodges at this date, September, 1899, have representatives in the Relief Committee.

The Committee has the same number of elective officers, with the exception of Vice-President, now, that it had 48 years ago, to wit, President, Secretary and



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Treasurer, and their duties are the same now as then. Meetings were then held on Sunday as they are now, and the work is about the same, except that at this later day the Vice-President has charge of all appeals for assistance from widows and orphans.

The amount of relief granted by the Committee from June 30, 1853, to March 21, 1854, was \$1,023.25. In the same period of time the present Committee would grant relief to the amount of over \$12,000. Besides financial assistance these Relief Committees have in the past years found employment for many brothers. Numerous cases could be cited where relatives have been brought together, orphaned children fitted out with all necessary clothing, their fares paid to distant homes in the East. Cases came under the writer's notice in the Relief Committee a couple of years ago, where the Vice-President took an orphan boy to his home and fed and clothed him, and the Relief Committee corresponded with relatives and obtained passes on the railroads, placed the boy in the charge of Odd Fellow conductors and trainmen, and sent him on his way rejoicing. In another case



LUCIEN L. REMY, Past Grand

Brother Remy was initiated in Franco-Americaine Lodge No. 207 on the 9th of May, 1865. After serving in subordinate Chairs, he was installed Noble Grand, January 7, 1897, and served the full term, at the end of which time he was elected President of the San Francisco Board of Relief, August 4, 1897, and served therein a term of six months. Besides being prominent among the Odd Fellows of San Francisco, he is an active member and past officer in the Improved Order of Red Men. Brother Remy has been in active business life in San Francisco for the past twelve years, during seven of which he has been engaged as salesman of the Del Monte Milling Company.

the widow of a Past Grand officer of one of the Eastern states was found in absolute want, and was placed in a comfortable home, and her deceased husband's Lodge notified. In another instance an Odd Fellow was found in jail unjustly accused, with no friend to help him or prove his innocence. The Relief Committee took up his case, hired a lawyer for him, had the facts presented to the Court, and the brother was acquitted. He subsequently visited the Committee and paid back every dollar expended on his behalf. These are only a few of the thousands of cases which might be related where the distress call has been promptly answered with substantial assistance. The work of the Relief Committee is one of "Love, Friendship and Truth" as well as duty. It is rare that a fine has to be imposed for neglect of duty, and the Noble Grand and Vice Grand of each Lodge attend cheerfully each Sunday morning, and labor hard while other people are enjoying themselves at the park or at the seaside. Besides the meeting on Sunday there are the visitations during the week, all of which take time, but

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H. F. SCHLICHTING, Past Grand

The subject of this sketch is the only son of H. F. Schlichting, Sr., a well-known, retired and respected German business man of this city, and was born in San Francisco on July 2, 1872, and is, therefore, twenty-seven years of age. He is a Past Grand of Concordia Lodge No. 122, German; has passed through the Chairs twice; has served as Treasurer of the General Relief Committee; is a Past Degree Master; at the last session of the Grand Lodge finished his official term as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 2, and at the present time holds a position in the Grand Lodge, being on the Committee of the Laws of Subordinates. He enjoys the distinction of being among the first of native Californians to join a German-speaking Lodge, and was initiated by his father, who was at that time the then Noble Grand, and later on was installed as Noble Grand of his Lodge by his father, who was at that time the District Deputy Grand Master. In addition to being prominent in the ranks of Odd Fellowship, he has also served time in kindred fraternities, and is Past Trustee of Golden Gate Parlor No. 29, N. S. G. W. Mr. Schlichting is a director and secretary of the Wreden, Kohlmoos Company of this city. In addition to his clerical business he is an attorney engaged in the general practice of the law, being associated with J. D. Whaley, with offices in the Parrott Building. He seldom appears in Court, confining himself to the more remunerative branch of counselor.



LOUIS P. SCHORD, Past Grand

Louis P. Schord was initiated in Apollo Lodge No. 123 on the 15th of May, 1867. He afterwards became a charter member of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 194, and was elected first Noble Grand of that Lodge December 13, 1871. Representing Cosmopolitan Lodge, he served as a delegate to the Relief Committee until July, 1872. He was made Patriarch in Unity Encampment No. 28 April 12, 1869, and was a delegate to the Relief Committee from that Encampment from January, 1883 to 1885, and during the two years was twice elected President, a singular distinction that has been conferred, we believe, on no one else by the Committee. His services in the Relief Committee, as President, were from January, 1884, to January, 1885, during which time he was not once absent from any meeting of the Committee.

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A. G. CLARK, Past Grand

A. G. Clark, P. G., Past President General Relief Committee, I. O. O. F.; Past Grand California Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F.; joined the Order November 4, 1889. Born in State of Delaware, 1862; came to California, 1881.



W. A. NOFFSINGER, Past Grand

W. A. Noffsinger, Past Grand and Past President of the Board of Relief, was born in Lebanon, Russell County, Virginia, February 26, 1866. When two years of age, his parents moved south, stopping four years in Tennessee, and then moving on to Macon, Mississippi.

The subject of this sketch moved to San Francisco in the fall of 1891.

In January, 1894, he was initiated in Ophir Lodge No. 171. The following May he was initiated into Templar Rebekah Lodge No. 19. In July, 1894, he was installed Secretary of Ophir and in January of 1895, Vice Grand. As Vice Grand he became a delegate to the Board of Relief where he was elected Vice-President at the first election after his becoming a delegate. In July, 1895, he was installed Noble Grand of Ophir, and in August of the same year he was elected President of the Board of Relief, where he served with much honor to himself, his services being so appreciated that the Board presented him with a fine gold watch at the expiration of his term.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge in May, 1895, where he served as a delegate from Ophir

Lodge, he was appointed Grand Conductor for the Grand Lodge. He was initiated into Unity Encampment in March, 1897.

The subject of this sketch is a constant worker, turning all his energies toward the proper performance of any duty the Order has placed upon him, and is noted for his promptness and dispatch in all matters.



HOWARD WALLACE NOWELL, Past Grand

Brother Nowell was born in Iowa, November 8, 1871, and came to California with his parents while yet a child. He was initiated in Western Addition Lodge No. 285, November, 1896; was initiated in Oriental Encampment No. 57, in 1898; was mustered into Canton San Francisco No. 5, Patriarchs Militant, September 20, 1898; joined Templar Rebekah Lodge No. 19, October 8th, of that year; passed the Chairs of Vice Grand and Noble Grand in 1899, and was Deputy Degree Master of Excelsior Degree Lodge No. 2, from January to July, 1899. Brother Nowell was commissioned Ensign in Canton No. 5, May 2, 1899, and served as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the General Relief Committee from February 5, 1899, to August 6th, of the same year.



JOHN LAWRENCE GEARY, JR., Past Grand

Brother Geary was born in Contra Costa County, California, September 22, 1868. His parents were among the early residents of that county, having settled near their present home in 1853.

Brother Geary was educated in the public schools of the State, having been graduated from the San Jose State Normal School in June, 1888. Although trained for the profession of teaching, he early evinced a liking for the law, and his associations at the Normal School, where he was recognized as the leader in debate among his fellow students, did much to determine his future course. Being dissatisfied with the limited field in teaching, he resigned his position as principal of the Mt. Eden schools in Alameda County in 1891, and entered the Boston University Law School, where, by close application

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he completed a three years' course in two years and was graduated with honors in 1893. In February of the same year Brother Geary applied for admission to the bar in the State of Massachusetts, and, after a rigid examination before the Board of Examiners, was granted a license to practice by the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the fall of 1893 Brother Geary returned to California, and in January, 1894, began the practice of law in San Francisco. His offices are in the Parrott Building, third floor.

A Republican in politics, Brother Geary has always been an active and enthusiastic worker in convention and on the platform for the Republican party.

His first instruction in Odd Fellowship was received in Sycamore Lodge, located at Haywards, Alameda County, in 1891. In 1895 he was elected to membership in Parker Lodge No. 124 by transfer. Immediately thereafter he was elected Vice Grand, becoming a Past Grand within eight months of his election to membership. In February, 1896, Brother Geary was elected President of the San Francisco Board of Relief and his administration was one of the most successful in the history of the Board. In 1897-98 he represented his Lodge in the Grand Lodge.

At present, in addition to his legal practice, Brother Geary is the Supreme Executive of the Sentinels of the Universe, a new fraternal beneficiary order, of which he is one of the founders.



ALFRED P. BLACK, Past Grand

Brother Black is a native of Pennsylvania, whence he came to California in 1875. He has been engaged in the profession of the law in San Francisco for seventeen years, and for several years last past has been Assistant District Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco. He is married and has three children living. Brother Black was initiated in San Francisco Lodge No. 3, in 1889. After serving in several subordinate offices he became Noble Grand in July, 1891, and on the twenty-sixth of the same month was elected Vice-President of the General Relief Committee of the I. O. O. F. of San Francisco. Brother Black has been a member of the Grand Lodge of California for several years past.



J. J. SWEENEY, Past Grand

J. J. Sweeney, Past Grand, is D. D. G. M. of District 83, a member of Los Banos Lodge No. 82.



HAMILTON H. DOBBIN, Past Grand

Hamilton H. Dobbin, P. G. and P. C. P., was born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1856; arrived in San Francisco in 1870; initiated a member of Abou Ben Adhem Lodge No. 112, 1882, Unity Encampment No. 26, 1896, Templar Rebekah Lodge No. 19 in 1899 and elected President of the General Relief Committee, August, 1899.



HERMAN M. D. MEYER, Past Grand.

Herman M. D. Meyer was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1867, and came with his parents to San Francisco in October of the following year. He became a member of Concordia Lodge No. 123, I. O. O. F., about eight years ago and, passing all the Chairs, became Noble Grand of his Lodge, serving in that capacity from July 1, 1895, to January 1, 1896; was prominently identified with the Relief Board; was elected Treasurer, August 1, 1895, and served the term ending February 4, 1896; in May, 1896, he was elected and served as a member of the Grand Lodge. Brother Meyer is a thorough-going Odd Fellow, and takes a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the Order.



BELVEDERE, THE GEM OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY

NATHAN PORTER

BY MILDRED PORTER HOWARD MORRISON

"He was a man, take him for all in all,
We shall not look upon his like again."

There have been many men of whom the above has been said, and with varying degrees of truth, but never before has it been more evident than on this occasion that here are words appropriate to the character of the man of whom they are quoted, and those who knew the subject of this sketch realize but too sadly and truly that it is indeed true, we shall *not* look upon his like again.

It is with a sense of great helplessness and utter incompetency that one undertakes to write of the life of a man who has passed beyond the praises and criticisms of this erring and often unjust world, and especially must this be true of



NATHAN PORTER

such a man as Brother Porter; his real greatness seems to lay a seal upon our lips, lest in our weakness and ignorance we commit a sacrilege upon his memory. Those who knew him in his lifetime remember him to-day as one of whom praise was superfluous, his deeds and character stood before men, his life spoke for itself, and, in no uncertain terms, proclaimed him for what he was, a peer among men.

Nathan Porter was born in Salem, Mass., in 1817, his boyhood and youth were the promise of the noble career of the man to come, and in this case the prophecy was fulfilled. His adaptability for public life in which he was active while still quite young manifested itself early, and at the age of twenty-five he was considered one of the finest public speakers in New England. It is not necessary to say that he gave the best of himself to the interests of his country; he was

essentially a strong man, and whatever Brother Porter did was done with all the force and fervor of a noble and lofty soul, and every cause to which he gave his time and talent was purified and elevated thereby.

His connection with Odd Fellowship began in Rhode Island with his initiation into Eagle Lodge No. 1 in 1843, when he entered at once into the active work of the Order, becoming in 1844 a Past Grand, and soon after entered the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. In 1865 he was elected to represent Rhode Island in the Sovereign Grand Lodge later coming to California, his ability was recognized, and in 1870 he became a Representative of the Grand Encampment of California to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, holding this position for eight years in succession. By his performance of grave and responsible duties in this office he earned the appreciation of the Order and wide-spread recognition of his exceptional strength of character.

On the Committee on the State of the Order in 1870, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence in 1871, Chairman of Committee on Appeals from 1872 to 1877, besides working on various special committees, he made himself of incalculable value to the Order and accomplished a work of lasting benefit to Odd Fellowship.

He was a lawyer of unusual learning, a natural and brilliant orator, and a man of rare sympathy and discernment. His kind heart tempered every act of justice with mercy, and many a man has found in him a friend in time of need. His left never kept tally of the deeds of his right hand; always willing, nay, *glad*, to lend his aid for the uplifting of the fallen, always ready with his time, his purse, and his very life for the benefit of the needy, both in soul and body, many a life has had him to thank for its brightness, and the clouds of sorrow, want and despair have been dispersed by the sunshine of his presence. He was the friend of the man who needed him, not, as is too often the case, of the man whom he needed. No one ever asked of him and went away empty; for no man's fall was he ever responsible because he had refused the sympathizing word or the timely aid; but many who had known God only to complain of Him now saw His image for the first time in Nathan Porter and came to love and bless Him at last through the agency of this most faithful servant.

Although it was only to his nearest friends and those who could best understand and appreciate the true greatness of the man, although it was only in the sacred family circle where, as husband and father, the glory of his character was fully revealed, yet, even to those who knew him but slightly it was manifest that here was a man of no common clay. Even the unthinking and the careless realized the presence of this spirit of rare purity, strength and ability which commanded the involuntary respect and reverence of all. Usually a man of such strong character feels his own superiority to such an extent that the otherwise symmetrical whole is marred by the touch of self-conceit, but of Brother Porter this was not so; courageous, honest, wise, patriotic and self-sacrificing to the last degree, the grandeur of his nature was heightened by the humility of a trusting, confiding and noble soul. A man of remarkable evenness of disposition, there were no sharp corners to hurt one, no inconsistent traits to puzzle and alarm, lurking where least suspected, but all was smooth and beautiful in its symmetry.

Odd Fellowship found in him a pillar indeed; to it he gave his time and talents, and died upon the battlefield, sword in hand, waging his untiring battle against sin and corruption, sorrow and distress. There are many men who do

indeed give themselves with earnestness and zeal, in itself most commendable, to noble public causes, but the dignity and beauty of their work is detracted from by the fact that the motive of their labor is selfishness, and the only end for which they strive, their own advancement. Nathan Porter labored with no such purpose, the motive of every act was the blessing of his fellows; it was for their comfort, and for love of them, not for his own glory, that he spent his life with such force and energy. He never asked himself if men were grateful for his efforts in their behalf, he never measured his aid to institution or individual by the appreciation he was likely to receive; above the plaudits of men he unselfishly, and for pure love of humanity, gave himself, heart and soul, to whatever, whoever, had need of him.

He died in Sacramento, January 6, 1878, and at the time of his death was a Senator representing Alameda County. The news of his decease struck pain and sorrow into the hearts of all who read the sad tidings, for there was not one who did not realize that it was a true and tender friend to all mankind who had gone to his rest and reward.

It is hard to find expressions even faintly suitable in speaking of such a man as our Brother, but for our praises of him there is no need; in the hearts of those who knew him, in the work he did, which will never die, in the character he has left behind him, is true justice done him, as well as inspiration that will make men more perfectly realize the sacredness and earnestness of life. It is to the influence of such lives that our country owes its greatness, it is to their sweetness that we owe much of the sunshine in this world, and it is in such hearts that all that is good, and true, and noble, finds its birthplace.



Group of officers of Württemberg Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F. of Stuttgart, Germany, taken December 15, 1870, and presented to California Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F. Dr. John F. Morse, P. G. M., Special Deputy Grand Sire, who instituted this Lodge under authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, is the fourth figure from the left in the standing position. The illustration is reproduced by permission of California Lodge.

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WILLIAM QUAYLE

Brother William Quayle was born Saint Patrick's Day, 1814, on Isle of Man; was sailmaker's mate aboard U. S. Frigate Savannah, Commodore Sloat, and was one of the detail that raised the American flag at Monterey, July 10, 1846. He joined Columbia Lodge No. 1, New York, in 1849, and is now a resident of the Odd Fellows' Home at Thermalito.

JAMES D. PHELAN

MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO

The re-election for Chief Executive of this city of Hon. James D. Phelan was only the tribute due him for his splendid administration. Mayor Phelan is deservedly the popular man of San Francisco. He descends from a worthy sire, who came to this country from Ireland when he was but six years old, and arriving in California, as a pioneer, established one of the largest mercantile houses of the period as early as 1849. When he wound up his commercial career, he entered upon one of finance, establishing the First National Bank of San Francisco, of which he was its first President. His wealth was all honorably acquired without any of the taint which sometimes attaches to its acquisition in these modern days, and the legacy of character which he left his family was not less large than his ample estate. In 1882 Mr. Phelan graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts from St. Ignatius College in this city and then turned to the study of law at the University of California. Then he traveled in Europe for a year and a half, writing home letters, which were published in the *Examiner*, and contributing one or two valuable articles to the *Overland Monthly*. Returning to San Francisco, Mr. Phelan soon became interested



JAMES D. PHELAN

in public affairs, and took a prominent part in the movement in California for the establishment of the Australian ballot system, which was adopted.

Concurrently with all this he was given charge of his father's estate, representing that interest in many commercial enterprises, and finally rounded an active career of finance as President of the Mutual Savings Bank, succeeding to that office on the death of the late James G. Fair. He was an intimate friend of the late Governor Washington Bartlett, and served on his staff. When the Columbian Exposition was projected he was again drawn into public service by being appointed World's Fair Commissioner for California from the Fifth Congressional District, and was elected Vice-President of the body, performing ably its important functions. This commission, it may be remembered, did what is most remarkable in the history of public concerns—it returned \$20,000 and more of the appropriation to the State treasury. During his terms as Mayor he assiduously carried out the pledges he made during his canvass, and became at once known throughout the country as an able executive. His unanimous re-nomination by his party, as well as by the independent citizens is an endorsement of his record which Mayor Phelan has fully deserved.

The Next Advance Step in Odd Fellowship.

BY L. L. ALEXANDER, Past Grand Master

It should be the admission of young men into the Order at eighteen years of age. During the last fifty years several notable, radical innovations have been made by the Order in its progress toward its avowed aim to "Fraternize the World," among which have been the creation of the Rebekah and Military Branches, which have proven to be very valuable adjuncts in helping onward and extending the sphere of the great work of Odd Fellowship.

From ten to sixteen years ago the Sovereign Grand Lodge considered the subject of reducing the age limit for admission of members, and though at one time there was a large majority, composed of many of the oldest and ablest members of that body in favor of the proposed change (there were 101 votes in favor to 51 opposed, as the journal shows), not quite a necessary three-fourths vote was obtained.

Shall not the ushering in of the coming century bring renewed prosperity to Odd Fellowship by the opening of a larger field from which to select the material to build up our Lodges? The field from which several fraternal societies have gathered much and are still reaping great benefits therefrom, that is, from the ranks of the young men of our country between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one years. Space will not permit of giving but a few of the many good reasons why young men at eighteen should be admitted into the Order of Odd Fellows.

Our Sovereign Grand Lodge many years ago gave Lodges chartered by it in foreign jurisdictions the privilege of fixing the minimum age for admission to membership, and they have experienced no evil results, but have derived great benefit by making Odd Fellows of young men at as early an age as eighteen.

Young women at eighteen years of age can become Daughters of Rebekah. Young men at that age are as intelligent and trustworthy as their sisters. Under our laws, they can make any contract their elders can, except for the sale or encumbrance of real estate. Our Government accepts them at that age in the Army and Navy.

The testimony of those high in authority in six large fraternal societies, which have for years admitted members at eighteen years of age, is that they as a rule make their most active members, and no trouble has been caused by that class.

At that age young men are more tractable and susceptible to the high moral teachings of Odd Fellowship than at later years in life. Many young men of our land are joining other Societies at that age. Having formed their associations elsewhere, they are mostly lost to Odd Fellowship, which society many of them would prefer to join could they do so at eighteen.

It has been said, in substance, that to accomplish any great reform it is best to commence with the young. Fraternity can be better and more effectively taught to youth than to age.

If Odd Fellows believe what they generally say, that Odd Fellowship is the best secular institution in existence for a young man to join for his own benefit and for the good of society, then they should labor for a change in the law so that the worthy young men of our country may become Odd Fellows at eighteen years of age.

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was born in Northampton, England, March 9, 1836. At the age of eleven years he left home, and for two years was employed in a dry goods store. On March 1, 1849, he sailed from London, England, in a vessel to seek his fortune in other lands, and arrived in San Francisco, California, April 4, 1850, a lad of fourteen years. Until he was nineteen, he engaged in such employment as he could procure; he then obtained a situation with Whitton, Towne & Co. to learn printing, remaining with them two years. During the exciting times of the Vigilance Committee, when James King of William was assassinated, he was employed on the *Evening Bulletin*; afterwards engaged with O'Meara & Painter, Chas. F. Robbins & Co., and Wm. P. Harrison, and finally, in January, 1866, bought the office of Mr. Harrison, and established the firm of Jos. Winterburn & Co., at 417 Clay Street, and has occupied the premises ever since. He was married between the age of twenty-two and three, has raised a family of six children, five of whom are now living.

He was initiated into Yerba Buena Lodge No. 15, I. O. O. F., August 26, 1858; elected Permanent Secretary July 5, 1860, and became a member of the Grand Lodge in May, 1863. Was admitted into Golden Gate Encampment No. 1, April 27, 1866, became Chief Patriarch July 10, 1874, and was admitted into the Grand Encampment January 10, 1875. Withdrew, by card, from Yerba Buena Lodge, and was one of the organizers of Pacific Lodge No. 155, March 25, 1869, where he now retains membership. Also a member of Oriental Rebekah Lodge and the Veteran Odd Fellows' Association. He has done the printing of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment for thirty-six years, and is recognized as the Grand Lodge Printer. He is also connected with the Odd Fel-



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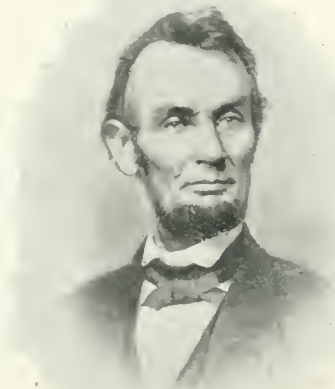
lows' Cemetery Association as one of its trustees, and has held the position of Treasurer for twenty-six years. He is a member in good standing of Occidental Lodge of Masons, and a charter member of Valley Lodge, A. O. U. W. A man of strong individuality known for his loyalty to friends.

A noted peculiarity is that while he is genial in make-up he has never during his entire life tasted alcohol in any form. The Grand Encampment in 1897 passed resolutions commendatory of the faithful, correct and painstaking manner in which he has performed the printing for that body. It is safe to say that the subject of this sketch has never failed in the discharge of any obligation, he is essentially a safe companion, a citizen of worth, and an Odd Fellow in spirit and in truth.

On a Picture of Lincoln

Once more look on this plain and patient face,
And learn anew that sorrow is the dower
Of him that sinks to lift his race
Into the place of peace and power.

How beautiful the homely features grow,
How soft the light from out the mild, sad eyes,
The gleam from deeps of grief the soul must know
To be so great, so kind, so wise!



Gaze once again upon this plain, worn face,
And know for aye that sorrow is the lot
Of him decreed to seize eternal grace,
That love and justice perish not.

Ay, mark the heart as rock against the wrong,
Bleeding, but bearing on the burden soar;
See, hear, the sadness ever round the strong,
The look, the moan, of ocean's shore.

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“A soul as full of worth as void of pride,
Which nothing seeks to show or needs to hide.”

Searching for the good and useful in man is like studying the true and beautiful in art. Both are primary factors in education, the one ranking among the utilities, the other being found in the category of the æsthetical.

The study of humanity begins with a search through history for the world's useful men, those men who have accomplished something in some direction for the betterment of their kind; in our investigation we find two classes, in each of which there are dreamers as well as men of action. Youth is more inclined to



WILLIAM NICHOLLS, JR. Past Grand

dream, while age inclines to meditation. Middle age is where we look for the happy combination of the imagination, thought and action that makes *the man* of finish and completeness, around whom generally cluster important interests, whether in town, city, state or nation.

Odd Fellowship has little sympathy with that metallic axiom, "the survival of the fittest." Success is not always the distinctive badge of talent, but where the success is large and continuous, leading into varied fields of useful enterprises, there is certain to be corresponding talent, and with it, as a rule, goes the sympathy of the people. In the subject of this sketch we find one whose frankness and virility are recognized by all who come in close contact with him. His true value

Fish Industry

There are many who take great delight in fishing. There are many more who would if they had an opportunity. The few who decry fishing have never been beside a mountain brook and plucked from the whirling ripples or shady pool a gamey and vigorous trout.

In the early days of this country, and up to some years ago, the rivers, lakes and streams teemed with various kinds of fish. The tremendous increase in population during the present century, with its corresponding demand for the product of the water for food, together with the wasteful and destructive methods of the fishermen for the market, has practically depleted the waters of this country.

The value of fish as a food product is known to all. Its want began to be felt, and the United States Government, as well as the various State governments, took in hand the propagation of fish for the rehabilitation of the various waters of the country. Following the artificial propagation of fish begun in many places, was a rigid enforcement of the laws for the protection of the fish planted in the various lakes and streams. Results in other States have been phenomenal. The egg of the fish is a toothsome morsel and is eagerly devoured, not only by the fish, but by various other forms of animal life, such as the minx, coon, fox, snake, frog, toad, and the birds along the streams. The parent fish deposits many hundreds or thousands of eggs, according to its variety, yet the percentage developed is excessively small. With this knowledge we can easily understand how our lakes and streams, succumbing to the constant demands of an ever-increasing market, have become nearly depleted.

It took California some years longer to reach this stage, owing to its later settlement, but even with our present population—less than two million—which is very small for the area, our lakes and streams have suffered a like fate.

Our State, through its Fish Commission, has been establishing hatcheries within our own borders, and is very efficient in its endeavor to renew the active life of our streams. California, in its topography, is well adapted for fish life, particularly for the most gamey and toothsome of all fish, the trout. The many mountain ranges, high and low, are intersected with numerous canyons, through which constantly flow waters from the springs and melting snow, in which cooling waters the trout is at its best.

Adjacent to San Francisco, perhaps the best watered section on the Pacific Coast is in Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake counties. Here there are over 6,000 miles of water length, besides a number of lakes. Over three hundred streams rush into the Eel, Russian and other rivers. Through the kind and efficient aid of the California State Fish Commission, the California Northwestern Railway (lessee San Francisco and North Pacific Railway), which traverses this section, has, during the past few years, been stocking these waters. It soon realized that the few hundred thousand fish received from the Commission each year were not sufficient for the capacity of the streams, and therefore established its own hatchery, in order that yearly it may place millions, instead of thousands, in the various streams. Outside of those who have given the subject thought, the community has not realized the great benefit the rehabilitation of this immense area of water will be to the public at large. Artificial propagation is more efficient than natural propagation. Owing to the destruction by numerous enemies of the eggs deposited in the streams, the percentage of development is exceedingly small. In the case of trout it is estimated that but one-half of one per cent ever come to maturity. With eggs developed in the hatchery there is practically no loss. The young fish are kept in the hatchery until they are two or three months old, and then placed in the streams, when they are strong enough to look out for themselves. The result is, a million eggs placed in the hatchery means practically a million fish placed in the streams, very nearly all of which live and thrive.

The hatchery of the California Northwestern Railway (lessee of the San Francisco and North Pacific Railway) is located in Gibson Canyon, about one mile from the Court House in Ukiah, the county-seat of Mendocino, and 113 miles from San Francisco. This hatchery, with its weird and romantic surroundings, is a most interesting and instructive exhibit. During the season, to view the eggs in the various stages of development, and see the immense number of little trout filling the troughs, is a surprise and a pleasure. It is seldom that hatcheries are located so convenient to the general public as the one at Ukiah, as the water required for the hatching of trout must never exceed 60 degrees Fahrenheit, which, during our summer months, can seldom be found except in the mountain regions, inaccessible to other than by long stage travel. In order to furnish eggs for the hatchery, the California Northwestern Railway has opened a spawning station on Eel River, in Mendocino county, some thirty miles north of Ukiah, the purpose being to get these eggs from the earliest spawning portion of the State, so that the fry can be liberated in the streams in the early spring and have a full year's growth before the advent of the fishermen.

Whilst other railroads in the United States make a specialty of stocking streams, they are dependent entirely upon the State and United States hatcheries for their supply of small fry. The spawning station established by this company will supply millions of trout for our streams in addition to those furnished by the State Fish Commission.—New Era Edition S. F. Call, December 10, 1897.

is only known to those who have occasion to dig beneath the bark and into the heart, where all is sound and true.

Brother Nicholls comes from English stock, being born in the parish of St. Austell, County of Cornwall, England, November 5, 1850. The years up to sixteen were spent in acquiring an education; in 1866 he came to the United States. His father being engaged in the banking business in Dutch Flat, the boy was sent to a business college to be fitted for the active affairs of life; this having been accomplished, in 1869 William entered the employ of W. & P. Nicholls, bankers and gold dust buyers at Dutch Flat. The firm being composed of his father and uncle, here the boy came in daily contact with gold miners, lumbermen, country merchants and the many patrons of the banking house which was a power in this section of the State; he thus acquired a thorough knowledge, not only of human nature, but of all branches of business, for a bank is an excellent school, demanding, as it does, strict attention to detail and careful methods.

In 1886, by the death of his father, he became a partner in the business, which has been conducted ever since under the original firm name. Many a miner has felt the tonic of aid extended by this firm, which would have been refused if none but business considerations entered into the transaction. In addition to his banking business, Brother Nicholls has large mining interests in Placer County, and has put considerable money into circulation by the employment annually of some thirty men in working, by hydraulic process, the Polar and Southern Cross mining property which he owns; employing, as he does, none but white labor, he benefits the community by aiding in the support of homes, the school and the church, thus sustaining all the props to American citizenship. The money put into debris dams, water pipes and mining machinery is considerable, to say nothing of the addition to the monetary wealth of the community in which he lives by the output of his mines.

Shortly after reaching his majority our brother sought admission to Olive Lodge No. 81, I. O. O. F., and was initiated on the 9th of April, 1873, was elected Recording Secretary in January, 1874, Vice Grand in July of the same year, Noble Grand in 1875, and in 1876 was elected Representative to the Grand Lodge, resigning, however, to allow a brother to attend who had an ambition in this direction. In 1878 he was appointed D. D. G. M., serving in this office altogether seven years; was in the Grand Lodge as Representative in 1879-80, and was again elected in 1895, and continuously since; is now a member of the Finance Committee. He served as Noble Grand of his Lodge in 1885-88 and '90, was elected Trustee of his Lodge in 1879, and annually ever since. The Lodge has prospered and now has a membership of one hundred and two as good men as our great State can boast of, owns a fine building, good furniture and a cemetery. An atmosphere of true fraternity pervades this Lodge, its sick are tenderly cared for, its dead reverently buried, and its widows and orphans protected.

Brother Nicholls organized and instituted Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge on April 26, 1882, and has been an active member of this branch of the Order ever since. He became a member of Auburn Encampment at Dutch Flat, January 3, 1879, has passed through all the offices, been Representative to the Grand Encampment, and is now an active member of the Patriarchal branch.

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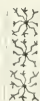
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men are not fragments, but are each a whole, a reality of mixed, various, countless combinations, yet it is in his home, by his fireside, at his table with his family that we love to contemplate him; whoever has met this brother and his gracious wife and interesting children must have felt that it was such a man at whose homecoming these wondrously beautiful lines were written:

“ Laugh, every dimple in the cheek of home.”

Early in life William Nicholls, Jr., was married to Miss Minerva Van Dolah, whose father was of Dutch descent, and one of the early settlers of Iowa; how much the early influence of the model wife, mother and active daughter of Rebekah may have had to do with the sterling character that Brother Nicholls is known to possess none can say, but the very atmosphere of a refined woman, falling as it does across the path of man, “ Like the rays of light upon the rose,” cannot fail to exert, as does the teachings of Odd Fellowship, a beneficent influence.



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BY MARY E. DONOHO, Secretary of Rebekah Assembly

WHEN Rebekah Odd Fellowship in California was twenty-one years old—just old enough to vote—she elected to institute a State body of her “Daughters of Rebekah.” This institution was effected in the year 1891, and the body for four years was hailed as a Rebekah State Convention, then merged into our regular chartered Rebekah Assembly of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of California.

Scarcely had our great sisterhood become an organized whole, than plans—the outgrowth of silent hopes long cherished—began to be formulated for establishing a Home for the diseased members of the Order. And the second session of our State body was made even more than memorable by the inauguration of a substantial movement toward this great achievement.

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creation of a fund to be known as the “Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home of California.” Committees on Ways and Means were appointed, and entered at once upon active service. Circular letters of information and inquiry were issued throughout the jurisdiction. General interest and enthusiasm were at once awakened, which, from the beginning, gave promise, rich and abundant, that, ere long, we should see in this our chosen land, a living exemplification of our motto, “We Protect and Educate the Orphan.”

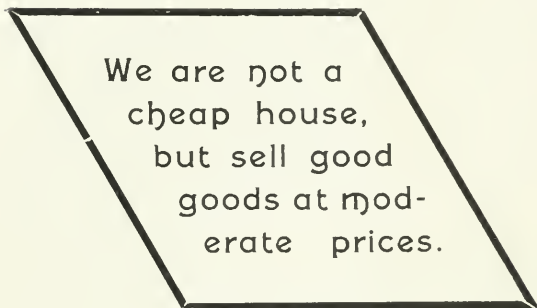
It was originally intended that the Home for orphans should be constructed in connection with the Home for the aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives and widows; but later these plans were changed, and, eventually, the Orphans' Home was located, established, and is now being maintained by the Rebekah Assembly, I. O. O. F. of California, under resolution adopted by said Rebekah

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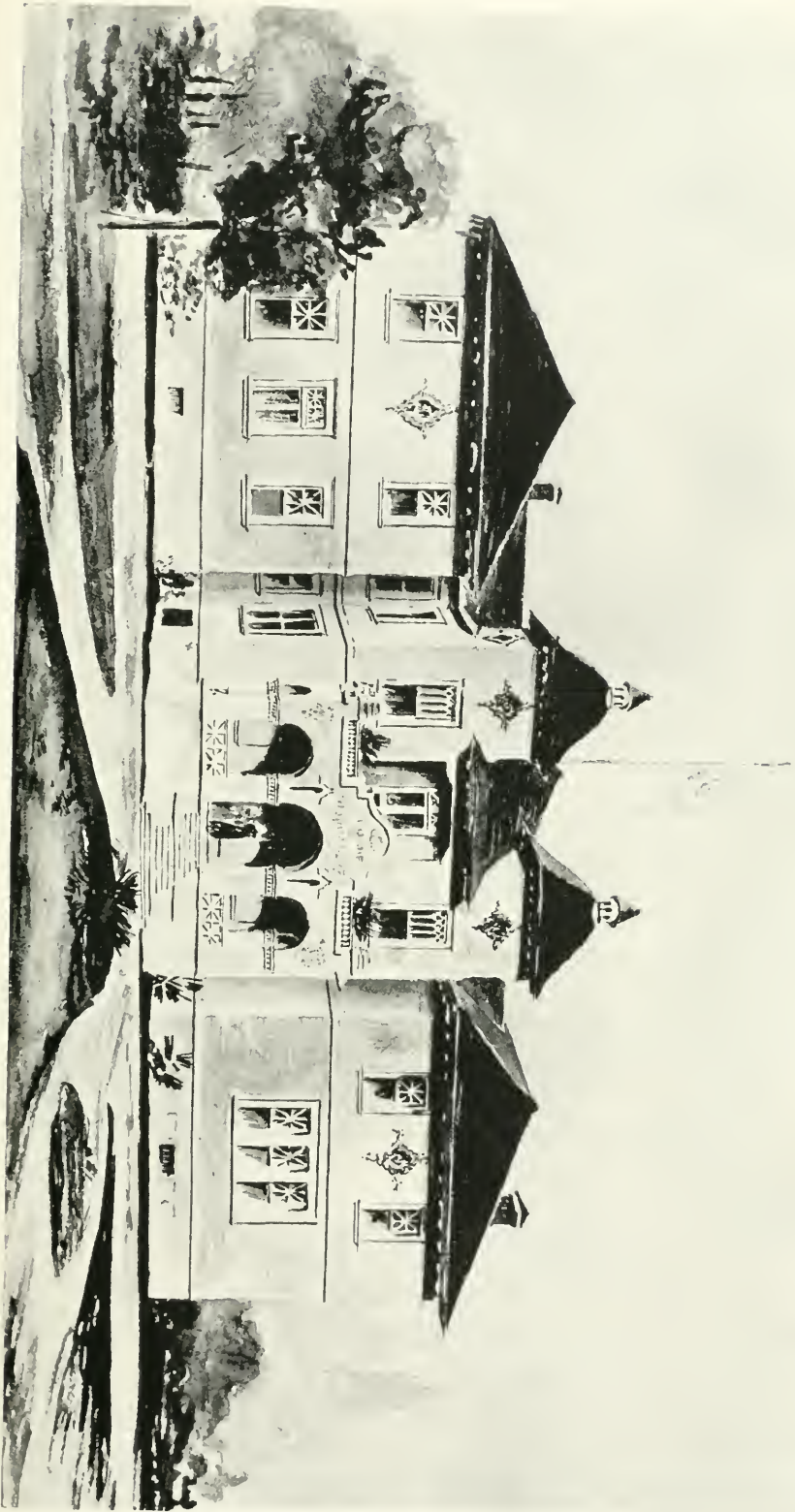
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Assembly, and approved by the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of California, at the respective sessions of these grand bodies, held in the City of San Francisco in May, 1896.

Thus clothed with authority, the Rebekah Assembly at once constituted as its agents for carrying on the great work it had undertaken, the following Board of Trustees: Mrs. Caroline A. Hoxett, of Gilroy; Mrs. Mary E. Donoho, of San Francisco; Mrs. Sarah M. Wolf, of Sacramento; Mrs. Olive T. Allen, of Santa Rosa, and Mrs. Mary F. Thorndike, of Stockton. Prompt, faithful and unremitting service on the part of the Trustees, together with ready, hearty and substantial support from the great brotherhood and sisterhood of the jurisdiction, and in less than two years from the time authority for action was received, an Orphans' Home, I. O. O. F. of California was a grand, existing reality.

The Home is located at Gilroy, Santa Clara County. The land upon which the building stands, a tract containing five acres, being a free gift from Mrs. Caroline A. Hoxett, Past Noble Grand of Unity Rebekah Lodge No. 24, of Gilroy. Funds for erection of buildings, and furnishing the same, were gratuitous contributions from Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, Encampments, and many interested and generous individuals. The buildings were designed by Mr. William Binder, architect of San Jose, and Mr. William S. Boyles, of the same city, was the sturdy and careful builder.

The contract for erection of buildings was awarded on March 11, 1897, and active work commenced immediately. The corner stone was planted, with appropriate ceremonies, on Saturday, May 8, 1897, and was conducted by the officers of the Rebekah Assembly, probably the first and only instance in the history of the Order when such a ceremony was ever conducted by women.

The builders' work was carried forward as expeditiously as circumstances would permit, and, on the first day of September, the completed building was formally accepted by the Board of Trustees. The I. O. O. F. Orphans' Home, of California, thus completed, *and entirely free from debt*, was, on October 27, 1897, solemnly dedicated to the benign purposes for which it was intended, and on November 21st the first inmates were admitted. There are at this time thirty-eight children in the Home, receiving that kindly care and protection from our great sisterhood, which is our highest pleasure to bestow.

The Orphans' Home, thus created and established, is under the control and management of a Board of Trustees, known as the Trustees of the I. O. O. F. Orphans' Home. The objects of the Home are to take under its sheltering care homeless and otherwise dependent orphans and half-orphan children of the Order, and to provide them with a home, maintenance and education during the period of their dependence.

The Home is maintained by an annual assessment levied upon the Rebekah membership of the jurisdiction, together with donations from various sources, and the State Aid allowed, under the law, for maintenance of orphans and half orphans in like institutions.

Any orphan or half-orphan of deceased Odd Fellows or Rebekahs, who, at time of their decease, were members, in good standing, of some Subordinate or Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F. of this jurisdiction, such child being under fourteen years of age, and without other suitable home or means of support, may be admitted and cared for in the I. O. O. F. Orphans' Home of California; provided, always, that no child of unsound mind, or suffering from any contagious

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All applications for admission of children must be made upon proper blanks prepared by the Board of Trustees, and to be procured from the Secretary; and, when properly filled out, shall be forwarded to the Secretary who will present the same to the Trustees at their earliest meeting. The Trustees will carefully consider the same, and if it appears that the applicants are proper subjects for admission, and that the rules and regulations and requirements of admission have been complied with, then, if circumstances permit, such applicants shall be admitted.

The following sisters and Past Noble Grands constitute the present Board of Trustees: Mrs. Lois M. Wyckoff, of Berkeley; Mrs. Olive T. Allen, of Santa Rosa; Mrs. Marian Greenwood, of Stockton; Miss Fannie Benjamin, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Elizabeth T. Shaw, of San Francisco.

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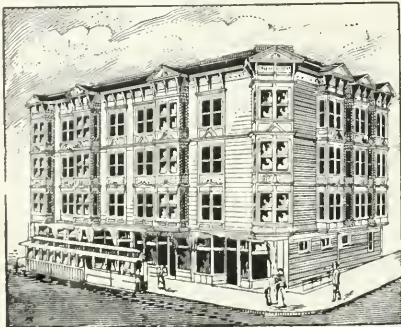
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The Spiritual Side of Odd Fellowship.

BY REV. E. R. DILLE, D. D., Grand Chaplain

What constitutes the supremacy of the XIXth Century over all former centuries? Our journalists, orators and historians call this the crowning century of time. But in what realm lies its supremacy?

Not in education, for our schools produce no scholars equal to Plato or his great teacher, Socrates; not in oratory, for our orators still ponder as their masterpieces and models the periods of the "Oration on the Crown;" not in sculpture or architecture, for the broken fragments of a Phidias or an Angelo are still



REV. E. R. DILLE, D. D., Grand Chaplain

Rev. E. R. Dille, D. D., was born in Watseka, Illinois, April 7, 1818. He was initiated into the Order of Odd Fellows at Zionsville, Indiana, in 1871. Being transferred to a church in San Francisco, in 1873, he brought his card and became a charter member of Fidelity Lodge No. 222, in San Francisco, and afterwards a charter member, and second Noble Grand, of True Fellowship Lodge No. 238, Santa Clara, where he still belongs. He was Chaplain of the California Assembly in 1886, and of the Department of California, G. A. R., in 1887. He has received many honors at the hands of his church—the Methodist Episcopal. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of the Pacific, in 1886, and has twice represented the California Conference in the General Conference, the highest body in the church. He was a Representative to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of California, a few years ago and is now serving his second term in the Grand Chaplaincy. Brother Dille resides in Oakland, California, where he is the pastor of the largest church of his denomination on the Coast.

the models of the plastic art, and at once the admiration and the despair of artists; not in literature, for this century has produced no Homer or Shakespeare.

Humanity, social sympathy, altruism, brotherhood, are the glory of our age. The application of love to the various departments of human life furnishes the historian with the milestones by which to measure human progress.



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Eighty years ago American Odd Fellowship was born. That sum of years in the individual marks senility and approaching decay, but to an Institution like ours, founded on eternal principles, and destined to be as enduring as the race, those years but mark the period of its infancy, and leave the dew of youth on its brow.

American Odd Fellowship is an evolution from the old English Unity. In the latter part of the XVIIIth Century Lodges or Guilds of mechanics existed in London calling themselves "Ancient and Honorable Odd Fellows." These Lodges were at first entirely of a beneficial and convivial character. It was customary for each member to pay a penny a week for the relief of the poor among them; and this was the humble origin of our present system of beneficence and relief which stands unequalled in its perfect adaptation to its purpose. The early Lodges were convivial. In the year 1788 the great poet James Montgomery wrote an ode for a Lodge in London, one verse of which I quote:

"When Friendship Love, and Truth abound,
 Among a band of brothers,
 The cup of joy goes gaily round,
 Each shares the bliss of others.
 Sweet roses grace the thorny way,
 Along the vale of sorrow,
 The flowers that shed their leaves to-day
 Shall bloom again to-morrow."

Another verse of a refrain current in those days was still more bacchanalian:

"Then let us be social, be generous and kind,
 And each take his glass and be mellow;
 Then we'll join heart and hand, leave dissensions behind,
 And we'll each prove a hearty Odd Fellow."

Gradually this very objectionable feature passed away. In 1813 that element of the Order which favored the abolition of all conviviality in meetings being largely in the majority reorganized the fraternity under the name of "Independent Order of Odd Fellows," now known as the "Manchester Unity." Thus the "I" in the familiar legend "I. O. O. F." is a badge of which we may well be proud; for it commemorates a distinct step in advance on the part of our Order, which has moved ever upward to higher standards and ideals until to-day no saloonkeeper nor vendor of spirituous liquors can enter our Lodges.

American Odd Fellowship owes its origin to Thomas Wildey, a blacksmith by trade, who, with four other mechanics, instituted at Baltimore, April 26, 1819, Washington Lodge No. 1, which soon after procured a charter from the Manchester Unity as the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States. Looking back over those four score years we may well say: "What hath God wrought!"

Young as our Order is it has not always had smooth seas and favoring gales. On the one hand a political demagogism has attacked it; on the other religious intolerance has assailed it. But the arrows of its bigoted opposers fell harmless at its feet. Its enemies could not pluck from its brow the garlands placed there by the men it had made nobler, the widows it had befriended, and the orphans it had relieved. The clamor of their hate did not sound as loud in the ears of God or man as the prayers that rose like incense from the homes of sorrow, and from the couches of pain, for our beloved Brotherhood. When it was reviled it reviled not again. It went meekly about doing good, answering

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all invective as did one of old: "I have done many good works among you; for which of these do you stone me?"

Our fraternity has been charged with godlessness. Godlessness? Yes it was, and is, if unselfish devotion to the causes of humanity, if warfare against vice and immorality in all its forms, if profound reverence for the Bible and the God of the Bible, deserve the name.

Ours is not a religious institution, nor does it claim to be; it is simply an institution founded on true religious principles. It does not invade the sphere of the church, nor claim to meet the religious wants, nor enforce the religious duties of man. None of its secrets, however mysterious, or its obligations, however binding, involve in the remotest degree any interference with the duties we owe to God, our country, our families or ourselves. On the contrary no man can become an Odd Fellow in spirit and in truth who is not grateful to his Creator, faithful to his country, and fraternal to his fellow man.

We exchange not the greeting of a brother with an atheist; but addressing him by speaking emblems bid him dread the frown of the All-seeing Eye to which the darkness is as the light, and which searcheth the heart and trieth the reins of men. The presence of David's poor lonely fool, who said in his heart, "There is no God," can never pollute the consecrated Retreat of Odd Fellows. The name of God is written upon the entablature of our temple; the Bible, the charter of our Order, rests upon its innermost altar.

But we point to the work of our Order as its most triumphant vindication. By its fruits ye shall know it. The full record of its work appears nowhere upon earth, and never until all the Relief Committees report to the Grand Master above will the full beneficence of our Order be revealed. In that last day he will say to those who have kept their long vigil by the bedside of pain, who have smoothed the pillow and closed the eyes of the dying, "Inasmuch as ye did it to the least of these ye did it unto me." The priest and the Levite who drew their sacerdotal robes about them and passed by on the other side in lofty contempt of the Samaritan and the sufferer will be pilloried for the scorn of the Universe; while the good Samaritan who had not the garb of sanctity, but a good true heart within, will join the shining retinue of Him who was the good Samaritan of the race.

We are rejoicing to-day that our Nation is welded together in the fires of war; that the prophetic vision of a reunited people which suffused Grant's dying hours with joy, filled his great heart with peace, and glorified his pathway to the grave, is realized at last.

But do you know that the three links of Odd Fellowship which knows no North or South, did much to cement again the ties of our National brotherhood? Do you remember how the G. L. U. S. in 1865 solved the problem of reconstruction? The Grand Sire at the close of hostilities issued a proclamation declaring the unbroken unity of our Order, and in the Session of 1865 delegates from Northern and Southern jurisdictions met at Baltimore and took their seats together in the Grand Lodge. Bishop Hopkins of the Protestant Episcopal Church advised his denomination, rent in twain by the war, "to go to Baltimore and imitate the example of the Odd Fellows." Yes, thank God, the three links never melted in the flames of war nor rusted in time of peace. God bless the staunch old ship, Odd Fellowship!

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Brothers, our work is not yet done. While tears are shed, while there are aching hearts, and souls striving for a better life; while there is strife and intolerance and misery and want and woe in the world, we may not forsake our standards.

Let us buckle on our armor anew to-day! Friendship towards man promotes the contest, the gentle influences of Love supplies the weapons, Truth consecrates the effort and leads to victory.

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BY MYRON C. CLOSE, Past Grand

During the early seventies there were several counties in Western Kansas designated as the Texas Cattle Range, commencing near Abaline on the east and extending to Old Fort Hays on the west. Thousands of the long horns, as these Texas cattle were called, were driven in yearly from the Texas ranges to fatten during spring and summer on the nutritious buffalo or bunch grass which furnished feed for half a million head for many years. Cattle buyers from Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri came to these ranges and purchased for stall feeding, and during the fall months these vast herds of now fat, sleek cattle were shipped by rail to the various slaughter pens of Cincinnati, Chicago and Kansas City. In charge of these herds which often numbered thousands were a class of men called cowboys, many of them as wild as the long horns themselves, living in the saddle as it were, a Winchester slung over their shoulders, a pair of Colt's Navies in their belts. It was not surprising when full of Kansas tangle-



MYRON C. CLOSE, Past Grand

Brother Close is a thorough American, three generations having been born on American soil, and all three have served their country in its hour of need. He joined the Odd Fellows when 21 years of age, and is now a member of Garden City Lodge No. 142, of San Jose. Brother Close is Commissary at the I. O. O. F. Home, and also has charge of the Weather Bureau at the Home.

foot that they painted some of these border towns *red* and used their shooting irons on the least provocation. The owners of these herds were as a rule gentlemen in behavior, and among them many good Odd Fellows. There had been a charter granted for a Lodge of I. O. O. F. in one of the hardest and roughest towns in this belt. There was only one two-story building in town, and the lower part of that was occupied as a saloon and gambling house. The upper story was rented, a stairway and anteroom built on outside, hall finished, Lodge officers installed, and prospects good for a successful Lodge. Our first few meetings were successfully conducted, and all were pleased. One of the enterprising brothers painted on gable end of hall, fronting the main street, I. O. O. F. Hall and underneath the *Three Links*, but our artist brother soon found out he had made a blunder, for ere many weeks the gable end looked like a perforated chair bottom.

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And we soon came to the conclusion if we wanted much of an attendance Lodge nights, we must encase the upper story in boiler iron or vacate, one thickness of cottonwood boards between ourselves and these frolicsome cowboys was insufficient. On opposite side of the river was a large roomy dugout that had the season before been used as a dance house; we secured that. As some of you may not know how a dugout is made, we will briefly explain. Above the first river bottom was a second some fifteen feet higher on the level with the vast prairie beyond; into this bank an excavation had been made 20 feet wide and 40 feet deep, three sides being Kansas soil. The front was boarded up with odds and ends of old lumber and dry goods boxes knocked to pieces, and the door, the most substantial portion of the structure, was made of an old endboard of a government wagon, an opening of three feet square covered with thin muslin varnished formed a window, as a support for the ridge pole three cottonwood posts set in the ground at each end and center, then small cottonwood poles laid close together, one end resting on sod at sides, then about 6 inches depth of prairie grass a few inches of dirt, and sod cut and laid nicely over all. Soon grass commences to grow and a person coming from off the prairie would never surmise there was an abode there. A fireplace of good dimensions was excavated in back part and a hole up through the soil for flue, and you have a description of a dugout and an Odd Fellows' Hall all combined. The furniture of our old Lodge room was transferred to our new quarters, "composed mostly of benches and candle boxes." A raised platform in front of the chimney had been made for Noble Grand, and supporters and portieres back of them composed of two buffalo robes a kind brother had donated. The other officers were content to remain seated on dirt floor, a box for chair. Our first meeting in new Lodge room was a success, and we congratulated ourselves on not being obliged to dodge stray bullets any more. There being no anteroom we had our outside guardian stationed a few feet from the entrance armed with a good Winchester, somewhat military we admit when a brother was hailed and commanded to advance and give the countersign, but it worked all right as the sequel will show. Our *second* meeting here was a *roaring* success; we had a candidate for initiation, and our visiting brothers from Texas were there to help us through. Our officers were letter perfect in their charges and everything was going smoothly, our Conductor had just remarked "Behold," when a scene not generally used was presented to every brother's view—a falling of dirt from overhead, a cracking of cottonwood poles, a roar and bellow all in one, and a huge buffalo bull landed on his head where Candidate and Conductor were standing a moment before. Our brothers had made good time getting outside, for by the time Mr. Buffalo gained his feet there was no one inside. It was lucky the front portion was flimsy, for our brothers forgot where the door was in their rush. The bull on recovering his feet gave one snort and he too started for outside. Whether he was partly blinded with dirt or to avenge himself on us, as he came out he knocked down the ridgepole support and the whole roof caved in, but his career was soon ended. Our Texas brothers' revolvers and our Guardian's repeater soon laid him out, and death was the penalty for his inquisitiveness. As we stood around his carcass some one remarked, "Wonder where our Noble Grand and Supporters are?" nobody had missed them before. A number started for ruins, thinking they might have been buried beneath the debris. Some one called him by name, "Where are you Mac?" and his jolly face soon appeared above the sod emerging from the fireplace followed by his two Supporters, and with all the solemnity of a grave digger he proceeded to close the Lodge in due form. It seems at the first approach of danger himself and Supporters had got behind those buffalo robe portieres in the fireplace with ten feet good solid earth above them. In those days small bands of buffalo still wandered through that section, and on their way to the river for a drink one had inadvertently wandered on top of an Odd Fellows' Lodge room.



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JOSEPH G. MYSELF

Joseph G. Myself was initiated into Washington Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., at Washington City, D. C., February 21, 1854, at the age of 22 years. He was initiated into Patriarchal Odd Fellowship at Washington City, D. C., May, 1854. Withdrawing from both these bodies in 1859, he deposited his Lodge card in Harmony Lodge No. 13, and Walhalla Encampment No. 7, in 1859, upon taking up his residence in San Francisco. He is one of the most active workers in the cause of Odd Fellowship—a business man of sound judgment, who by thrifty economy and careful management has cared for and educated his family. His heart is true and steadfast; no man ever accused this Brother of dissimulation; he is absolutely fearless in advocating what he conceives to be right,—honest in his own opinions, he accords others the right of expression. Differ with him as you may, you cannot but admire his frankness in the discussion of all questions pertaining to the Order. A close student, he knows the history of the Order in California, and, if you call upon him for information on any point, he at once delves down into an inside pocket, and, from a book filled with facts, he is able to answer your question.

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THE INTRODUCTION OF THE I. O. O. F. INTO GERMANY.

On the 18th day of May, 1869, Representative F. S. Ostheim, of Minerva Lodge No. 19 (chartered to work in the German language) introduced a resolution, which was adopted, instructing our Grand Representatives to endeavor to have the U. S. Grand Lodge introduce Odd Fellowship into Germany. The session of the Grand Lodge at which the resolution was adopted was held at Salem, Oregon.

In 1869 when the U. S. Grand Lodge in September met in this city the following will be found among other proceedings on page 4631. Rep. Bristow, of Oregon, from the special committee to whom the subject had been referred, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your special committee, to whom was referred the resolution, emanating from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon, in relation to the establishment of Odd Fellowship in Germany, most respectfully report that we see no reasons why "our banner" should not be unfurled to the breeze in all civilized countries. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That upon proper application from a sufficient number of brethren in Germany, for authority to organize a Lodge or Lodges, that the M. W. Grand Sire be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed to issue a dispensation for such Lodge or Lodges, and to appoint and commission a Special Deputy, if in his opinion the good of the Order requires it, with full power and with such restrictions thereon as our laws and the necessities of the case may require; and that he may, in like manner establish the same in other civilized countries upon proper application for the same.

E. L. BRISTOW,
C. N. FOX,
G. W. RACE,
WM. ELLISON.

The United States Grand Lodge made no provision to pay the expenses to carry out the intent of the resolution, and when Farnsworth returned to California he visited Templar Lodge No. 17, and stated that he could not carry out the resolution, to introduce Odd Fellowship into Germany for want of funds. Templar Lodge No. 17 drew her warrant upon her

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Treasurer for \$1,200, and handed it over to the Grand Sire Farnsworth, and the Grand Master J. B. Harmon made the following report in his annual report to the Grand Lodge of California, page 201: "I cannot forbear adding that the visit of the Grand Lodge to California has been recently made still more memorable by a donation from Templar Lodge No. 17 of \$1,200, to enable the Grand Sire to establish the Order in Germany as he was authorized at the session of that Grand Lodge. And the Grand Master John B. Harmon could truthfully say in addition to the above statement, that not one dollar of that munificent donation of Templar Lodge was ever placed in the hands of the Special Deputy Grand Sire Dr. John F. Morse for the German Mission of Odd Fellowship. And upon the urgent solicitation of the Past Grand Master Charles N. Fox, and Past Grand Representative Nathan Porter, the German Lodges of the second District were called together in convention to provide ways and means to assist the Special Deputy Grand Sire Dr. John F. Morse to carry out his commission to establish Lodges in Germany, and with the following result at that convention December 20, 1870 :

DONATIONS MADE.



Harmony Lodge No. 13.....	\$ 500.00
Germania Lodge No. 116.....	300.00
Herman Lodge No. 145.....	100.00
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Franklin Lodge No. 74.....	100.00
Allemania Lodge No. 178.....	25.00
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Balance German Lodges	11.70
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Extract from the Report of S. D. G. Sire Dr. John F. Morse, 1871, to the G. L. U. S.: (Page 5116.)

"When on the 9th of March we opened with our own tremulous hands a letter from 'Old Harmony' of San Francisco, with a contribution of \$500 and an associated gift of \$300 from 'Gallant Germania,' an additional \$100 from the 'Youthful Herman' of the same city, we struck out boldly and came back once more to the old brotherhood shores of our troubled Jordan. Now the first gleaming of Aurora were rapidly followed with full light of an effulgent morning, and success was assured.

Such are the official records in regard to the introduction of Odd Fellowship into Germany, and to Past Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of Brandenburg, Germany, F. S. Ostheim, belongs the honor of the introduction of Odd Fellowship into Germany.

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# Excelsior Degree Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F.

BY A. K. KINGSFORD, DEGREE MASTER

The origin of Excelsior Degree Lodge (of San Francisco) dates back to the early history of Odd Fellowship in California. Preliminary work and organization was effected by brothers of the Fifth Degree, members of California, San Francisco, Harmony, Yerba Buena and Templar Lodges on September 9 and September 16, 1853. The names proposed for the Lodge were "California," "Covenant," "Parker" and "Excelsior." "Parker" was first decided upon, but P. G. M. Parker with due modesty suggested that some other name should be selected, and, upon reconsideration "Excelsior" was adopted.



A. K. KINGSFORD, Degree Master.

A. K. Kingsford has been an active worker in the Lodge since he was first sent there as a delegate by his Lodge, Bay City No. 71. He served one term as Deputy Degree Master and then was elected Degree Master for the term commencing January, 1876, and has filled the office continuously. His urbane manner, genial disposition, his solicitude for the careful and correct instruction of candidates and his impartial rulings on all matters acted upon by the Lodge, and his readiness at all times to sacrifice his own pleasure and time for the purpose of assisting in the conferring of degrees in other Lodges, in emergencies, has won for him the gratitude and kind regard of all. Brother Kingsford has made a special study of the work of his office, and his exemplification of the degree work is highly commendable. Much of the success and reputation that the Lodge has won during the last four years is due to his ability and efforts. That his labors are appreciated was demonstrated lately when he was presented with the handsomest testimonial ever presented in an Odd Fellows' Lodge in this city—a magnificent gold badge studded with diamonds and other precious stones, manufactured by Shreve & Co.

The Lodge was instituted on September 21, 1853, on which date the first staff of officers was elected and installed: Bro. H. M. Hewston as Degree Master; Jno. Q. Piper as Dep. D. M.; Jno. Pitcher as Secretary, and W. T. Garratt as Treasurer. It was decided to admit as members all brothers who could prove themselves in the Fifth Degree, upon payment of an initiation fee of one dollar. The same qualification and fee has remained in force till the present

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time, excepting that the word "fifth" was changed in due course to read "third." During the interval 4,681 brothers have enrolled themselves as members.

The first degrees were conferred on October 5, 1853, when P. G. M. Parker conferred the first degree upon eight candidates and the second degree upon six candidates; Bro. Piper conferred the third degree upon six candidates and Bro. Hewston conferred the fourth and fifth degrees upon four candidates. At first the wherewithal to meet expenses was obtained by an assessment of 50 cents for each degree conferred, payable by the Lodge to which the candidate belonged. We find that on March 15, 1854, a communication was received from Templar Lodge advising that they had conferred 22 degrees, and asking that they be assessed with the fees which the Degree Lodge would have been entitled to if the degrees had been conferred by them. Excelsior Degree Lodge magnanimously complied with their request. Later this system was changed to a pro rata assessment on all Lodges interested, based upon their membership. On October 19, 1853, the Lodge conferred the Rebekah Degree upon ten brothers. It may readily be seen that the work of conferring the five degrees of the subordinate Lodge and the Rebekah Degree, too, gave the small band of brothers considerable work. Their onerous and monotonous duties and a lack of interest on the part of the brothers generally had a depressing influence upon the ardor with which the work was begun; so much so that on June 2, 1855, a resolution was presented setting forth that it was the sense of the Lodge that the several Lodges should confer their own degrees for the space of three months, and that the Degree Lodge should be suspended during that period. Action was taken on this resolution, and the Lodge adjourned for six months. On December 29, 1855, a meeting was held to "secure" the charter. No other meeting was held till August 19, 1857, when a meeting was called to consider the advisability of resuming the work of the Lodge, and at an adjourned meeting held September 19, 1857, this was decided in the affirmative. The Lodge has held meetings regularly since that date. The active membership of the Lodge is composed principally of the Noble Grands and Vice Grands of the various Lodges sending their candidates to this Lodge for their degrees. The number of Lodges interested at present is twenty-one (21).

It would seem almost invidious to particularize upon the excellent work and fraternal zeal exhibited by any of the many worthy and able brothers who have filled the principal Chair in the Lodge. Some of them, for instance, T. Rodgers Johnson and Edmund Lane, who filled the office for fourteen terms, have laid aside their work and gone to receive their reward for their labors in behalf of Friendship, Love and Truth. Many others are still in the ranks, doing their part in other directions, but are entitled to our gratitude for services in this Lodge, among whom may be mentioned Joseph Winterburn, D. C. Smith, who served nine terms; J. M. Troutt, M. T. Moses, P. G. M. J. H. Simpson, T. R. Morse, U. S. G. Clifford, and last, but not least, our present Degree Master.

The Lodge is fortunate, too, in the active zeal of others besides its Degree Masters; at all times they have had the support of able and earnest workers. Of those taking an active part at present may be mentioned A. G. Clark, D. D. M.; L. C. Mershon, Cond'r, C. F. A. Langerman and T. R. Morse. So long as the present standard of efficiency is maintained we believe that the existence of the Lodge is conducive to the best interests of the Order, in this city at least, and should be sustained by the attendance and co-operation of all brothers who desire the prosperity of the Order.

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# District Deputy Grand Masters

Few members of the Order, perhaps, realize the importance of the office of District Deputy Grand Master. As the official representatives of the Chief Executive they have large responsibility and much work. Called upon as they are frequently to advise and direct, they must use tact and discrimination, as well as firmness; a complete knowledge of the sign language of the entire work of the Order is required by the Grand Lodge; and in order to be able to properly discharge the duties of the office these officers must be familiar with the law of the Order. Situated as some of the deputies are, they are in a sense Grand

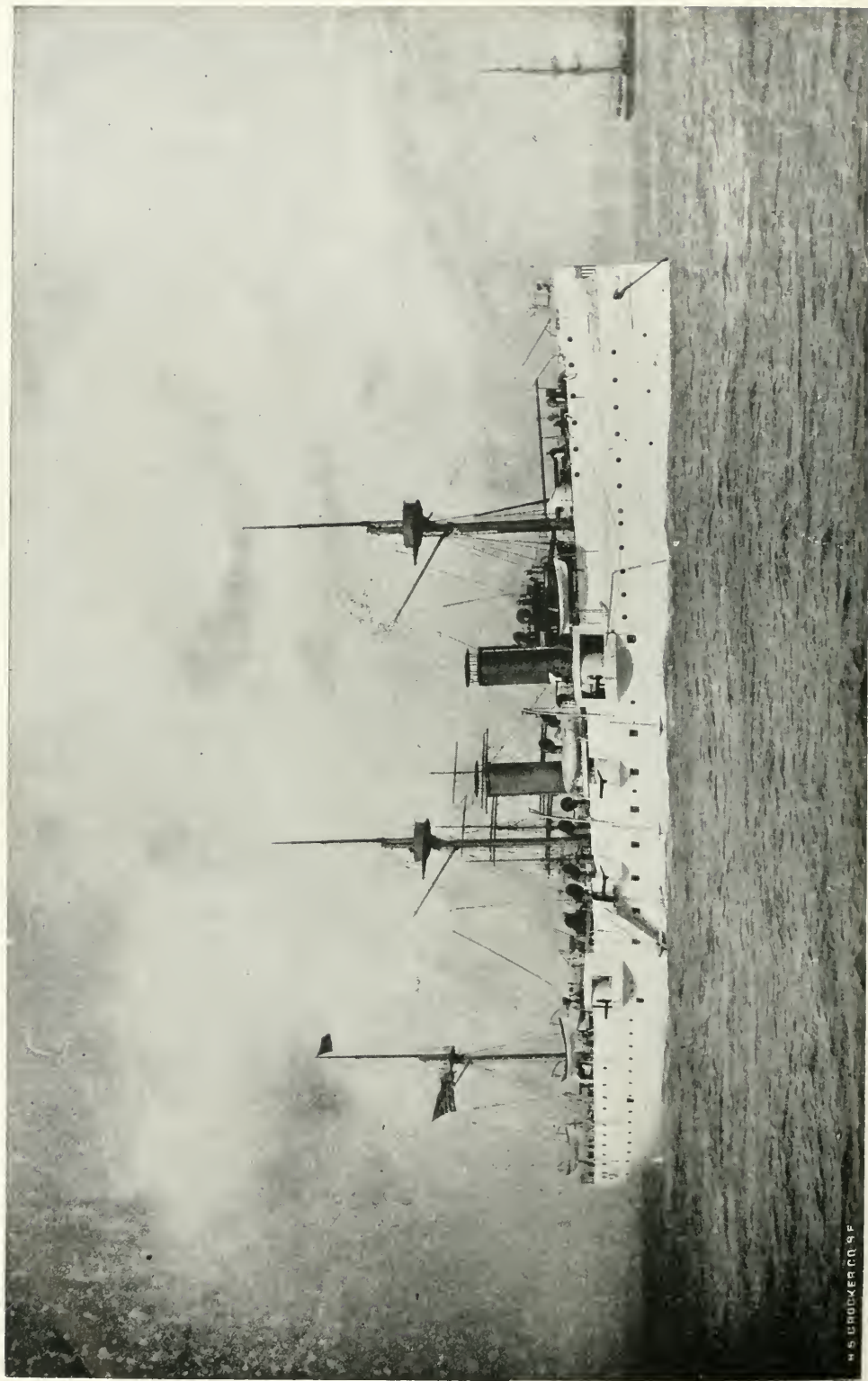


J. E. STREIGHTIF, Past Grand

J. E. Streightif was born at Kittanning, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1861; was initiated into Ariel Lodge No. 688, at Kittanning, March 5, 1886; withdrew from that Lodge upon coming to California, and deposited his card in Berkeley Lodge No. 270, at Berkeley, August 1, 1889; was R. S. V. G. during that term; was installed Vice Grand in January, 1890, and has served almost continuously in office since. He was District Deputy Grand Master, of District No. 96, in 1898, and is now occupying the same position; has represented his Lodge in the Grand Lodge of California; is a member of Golden Rule Encampment No. 34, and of Canton No. 11, of Oakland. Brother Streightif is an active, earnest Odd Fellow' painstaking and careful in everything he undertakes, either in Odd Fellowship or in business.

Masters. The writer of this has in mind one brother who has held the office for several terms, and annually, as the Grand Master makes his visits in this brother's district, the District Deputy bears him company for a week. This is only one case of many such.

Unlike the Grand Master, who bears with him into retirement the title of Past Grand Master, these faithful officers have no permanent recognition by the

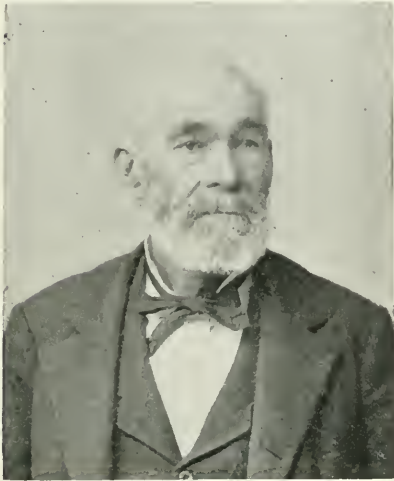


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Order, and rank no higher at the conclusion of years of service as District Deputy Grand Master than they did before assuming the office, to wit, a Past Grand.

There is no jurisdiction under the Sovereign Grand Lodge where the secret work, and the beautiful ritual of Odd Fellowship is so perfectly and impressively rendered as in California, and to the District Deputy Grand Masters must be given a share of the credit. With this article appear the portraits and short biographies of a few of these faithful and efficient officers.



ROBERT H. EVANS, Past Grand

Robert H. Evans, P. G., member of Kernville Lodge No. 251. Born in Berkley, Mass., 1820; joined King Philip Lodge No. 44 in Taunton, Mass., in 1847; came to California in 1849; mined ten years in Yuba County later in State of Nevada and Mexico, and the last thirty years his home has been in Kern County, where he has been engaged in mining and milling. He was District D. G. M. for six years for District No. 52, I. O. O. F.



JULIUS S. SHEEL, Past Grand

Julius S. Sheel was born August 5, 1859, in Denmark. He came to California in 1888, and was initiated into Western Addition Lodge No. 285 April 4, 1891. He was elected and installed as Vice Grand on January 4, 1898, and as Noble Grand from July, 1898, to January, 1899, and served as Deputy Degree Master of Excelsior Degree Lodge No. 2 from July, 1898, to January, 1899.



J. W. MITCHELL, Past Grand

J. W. Mitchell, P. G., was born in Dover, Delaware, June 1, 1844, joined Consumes Lodge No. 63, I. O. O. F., January 2, 1892; has passed through the Noble Grand's Chair twice, and is now serving his third term as Secretary of the Lodge. He was commissioned D. D. G. M. May, 1899.



THEOPHILE TREYER, Past Grand

Theophile Treyer was born at Huningue, France, October 14, 1845. He arrived in America in September, 1869, and joined the I. O. O. F. on the 24th of May, 1877. He was elected District Deputy Grand Master in 1894 and still holds the Chair. He is by profession a wigmaker and artist in hair.





J. A. HOLT, Past Grand.

J. A. Holt, D. D. G. M. of District No. 13 was initiated in Mountain Lodge No. 14 at Michigan Bluff, April 4, 1896. He was appointed Right Supporter to Vice Grand for ensuing term, and elected successively Vice Grand and Noble Grand. He held various offices since occupying Noble Grand's Chair. In 1899 Mr. Holt was appointed District Deputy Grand Master, and elected as representative to the Grand Lodge.



A. H. NOWELL, Past Grand.

A. H. Nowell was born in Lowell, Mass., May 31, 1852, came to San Francisco September 4, 1874, joined Western Addition Lodge No. 285 November 11, 1885, filling various subordinate Chairs, and installed into the office of Noble Grand January, 1897. Appointed District Deputy Grand Master May, 1898, and reappointed in May, 1899, also a member of Golden Gate Encampment No. 1, and Templar Rebekah Lodge No. 19.



A. J. CHITTENDEN, Past Grand

Brother A. J. Chittenden was born in Burlington, Vermont. Joined Red Bluff Lodge No. 76, in 1884. In March, 1892, he withdrew and joined Corning Lodge No. 305. He has been Noble Grand three terms, and Representative to the Grand Lodge three annual sessions. Was District Deputy Grand Master in 1894, and is now serving in that position. Brother Chittenden is a zealous member of the Order, always using his influence and contributing his time to its growth and development.





C. A. IRVINE, Past Grand

C. A. Irvine, Deputy Grand Master for District No. 60 was born at Cochection, New York, in 1834. He was educated in the schools of Sullivan and Orange counties, New York, and Wayne County, Pennsylvania. His early life was passed upon a farm and as raftsmen upon the Delaware. He came to California in 1859 and engaged in and still follows the business of merchandising. He joined Chato Lodge No. 206, I. O. O. F., at Cahto in 1872, and San Hedrin Encampment No. 49 at Ukiah in 1874. He became a P. D. D. G. P. and P. D. D. G. M. in 1879. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Petitions in the Grand Lodge session of 1879. Bro. Irvine is well versed in the ritual of the Order. He never uses a book or notes in installation, dedication or any part of the degree work.



N. HARVIE, Past Grand

Mr. Harvie is a prominent contractor and builder of Sacramento, where he has resided since 1878. During that time he has built most of the prominent buildings in Sacramento, among them the California Winery, covering about half a block of land, the Buffalo Brewery, which has become so noted throughout the country for its superior quality of new brew, and the U. S. Government Building of Sacramento, and many others, but space at this time will not permit mention. He became a member of Capitol Lodge No. 87, I. O. O. F., on May 9, 1890, passed through the Chairs, and has been a representative to the Grand Lodge seven years in succession, and at the session in May, 1899, was recommended for D. D. G. M. of District No. 3, as being qualified for that office, which he is now filling to the entire satisfaction of his district.



R. L. ANDERSON, Past Grand

Brother R. L. Anderson was initiated in California Lodge No. 1, on November 15, 1886. After good service in subordinate positions, he was elected Noble Grand for the term beginning January 1, 1889. May 18, 1895, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, which office he filled with credit to himself and benefit to the Lodges under his charge. At the session of the Grand Lodge of 1896 he was appointed Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Correspondence, and reappointed in 1897. He resigned in 1898. He has always been an earnest worker in the Order.



GEORGE A. CASH Past Grand

Brother Geo. A. Cash was born in Nantucket, Mass., April 12, 1853. He came to California in 1872, and joined Mission Peak Lodge No. 114, I. O. O. F., September 1, 1890. At the beginning of the following term he was appointed Conductor, and was installed Noble Grand July 1, 1891. He has always been a good worker in the Lodge, and the Grand Lodge has kept him in office continuously. He is now serving his fourth term as District Deputy Grand Master, and is also Recording Secretary of Mission Peak. Always ready and willing, his example is one to be followed by his brothers, who esteem him highly.



E. D. SCOTT, Past Grand

E. D. Scott, Past Grand, was initiated into Newville Lodge No. 321, at Newville, Colusa County, California, December 17, 1886. He took all the degrees during the month of December of that year, and on January 7th was appointed L. S. S. He held this office two terms, and on January 6, 1888, he was installed Vice Grand. On July 20th of the same year he was installed Noble Grand.

Upon retiring from the position of Noble Grand, he served one term as Past Grand, at the conclusion of which he again accepted an appointed office in which he served until January, 1890, and for the second time he was installed Noble Grand, serving until 1891. At the conclusion of this term as Noble Grand he was elected Secretary and held the office until 1898, when he was elected Noble Grand again for the third term. In January, 1899, he was installed Treasurer; in April of this year he was appointed D. D. G. M. for District No. 71, and is now serving in that position.

He is an active, energetic Odd Fellow, never losing an opportunity to work for the good of the cause.



HENRY T. BARNES, Past Grand

Henry T. Barnes, P. G., was born in Toronto, Canada, April 14, 1857. He was initiated in Woodland Lodge No. 111 on July 15, 1882, and installed as Noble Grand on July 1, 1884, sent as delegate to the Grand Lodge in 1885 and was appointed as D. D. G. M. by C. N. Jenkins in 1889.

He was appointed to the same office by Karl C. Brueck in 1898 and by W. A. Bonyng in 1899. In 1887 A. R. Lord appointed him D. D. G. P., and a second time sent as delegate to the Grand Lodge. He is a charter member of Woodland Encampment No. 71, which was organized on May 20, 1884.

Mr. Barnes was sent to the Grand Encampment as delegate twice and served as D. D. G. P. once. He is also a charter member of Sylvan Rebekah Degree Lodge No. 108, which was organized on December 22, 1886, when he was elected Past Noble Grand and served two terms. Mr. Barnes is a stone mason and contractor, and has been in the business in Woodland for eighteen years.



A. J. MOORE, District Deputy Grand Master

Brother Moore was born in Keokuk County, Iowa, October 19, 1858. He was initiated into Odd Fellowship March 4, 1894, in Morilla Lodge No. 241, located at Fort Bidwell, California. At present he holds the office of District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 85.



S. OBERDEENER, Past Grand

Brother Oberdeener was born in San Francisco September 14, 1859, and went to Santa Clara in 1871. He entered the Santa Clara High School, graduating therefrom in 1874. He then entered his father's drug store, and in 1879 left to enter the Department of Pharmacy, University of California, graduating in 1880 with the highest honors. Returning to Santa Clara in 1882, he became proprietor of the Santa Clara Drug Store where he has since resided. In 1897, he was appointed by Governor Budd a member of the California State Board of Pharmacy.

For ten years Mr. Oberdeener was a member of the Board of Education, and is now a member of the Board of Town Trustees of Santa Clara, being Chairman of the Finance Committee. In 1884 he joined Santa Clara Lodge No. 52, I. O. O. F., is a Past Grand and was D. D. G. M. of District No. 20. He is a P. C. P. of Santa Clara Encampment No. 32, I. O. O. F., and was D. D. G. P. of District No. 13 for two terms. He is also

a member of Clara Rebekah Lodge No. 34, and is at present a member of the Committee on Mileage in the Grand Lodge and of the Committee on State of the Order in the Grand Encampment.

Mr. Oberdeener is a prominent member of several other fraternal orders, having been Supreme Representative of the American Foresters at the session held in Denver in 1897.



SAUL ROBERT JACOBS, Past Grand

Brother Jacobs is a native of San Francisco. He graduated from the public schools of this city in 1884, and afterwards attended the University of California, graduating in 1890, receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Science. He joined San Francisco Lodge No. 3 in November, 1891, and ever since has been an active and enthusiastic worker. He was elected Noble Grand in July, 1894, after passing through the necessary subordinate Chairs, and was elected representative of the Grand Lodge in 1895. In May, 1899, he was appointed by Grand Master Bonyne District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, filling that position now, to the satisfaction and benefit of the Lodges of the District. He is a charter member of Loyal Rebekah Lodge No. 215.

a few years, when he was induced by the gold excitement to come to San Francisco in 1860, and thence on to Aurora, at that time a part of Mono County, California. In 1863 he joined Esmeralda Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., of Aurora, and remained an earnest worker until 1896, when he withdrew to assist in organizing Bridgeport Lodge No. 386 as a charter member. At the hands of this Lodge he received all of its official honors. Mr. Hughes (like the revered founder of Odd Fellowship in America) is a blacksmith by trade, and the grand lesson of the Three Links has a more than ordinary significance to him. A pioneer of Mono County, he has resided with his family at Bridgeport, the county-seat, where he has followed his calling as "The Village Blacksmith," for the past thirty-five years. He has three sons and a son-in-law, all members of Bridgeport Lodge No. 386, I. O. O. F., each of whom will find that the grandest and noblest objects of Odd Fellowship will be fully subserved by emulating the subject of this sketch in his daily practice of Friendship, Love and Truth.



TILLIE GETCHELL, District Deputy President

Sister Getchell is a member of Sequoia Rebekah Lodge No. 129, San Andreas. She is District Deputy President of District No. 38: an amiable woman who has endeared herself to all who have met her in the atmosphere of Friendship, Love and Truth.



P. G. HUGHES, Past Grand

P. C. Hughes, the present D. D. G. M. of District No. 90, Mono County, California, was born in Ireland in 1841, and came to New York City at a tender age. He remained in New York but



LOTTIE GALE, District Deputy President

Sister Gale is a member of Naomi Rebekah Lodge of Truckee; District Deputy President for District No. 33. She is an untiring worker for the cause of Rebekah Odd Fellowship.





MRS. HATTIE DULEY  
District Deputy President

Mrs. Hattie Duley, Deputy Grand President, District No. 5, comprising California Rebekah Lodge No. 1, Templar Rebekah Lodge No. 19, Oriental Rebekah Lodge No. 90, Amity Rebekah Lodge No. 161, Loyal Rebekah Lodge No. 215, and Mission Rebekah Lodge No. 225. She is a member of Amity Rebekah Lodge No. 161.

Sister Duley is a tireless worker in the cause of Rebekah Odd Fellowship, and by her well-directed efforts new life and energy has been given to the Lodges under her jurisdiction.



ELIZABETH HARVEY  
District Deputy President

Elizabeth Harvey was born in Canton, Missouri, was educated in that State and taught in the public schools. She was married to Dr. J. W. Harvey September 15, 1867. She came to California in 1884 and joined the Rebekah Lodge in 1889, and has been an active member ever since and is now D. D. P. of Rebekah District No. 45. She was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Assembly at its last regular meeting in May, 1899.

There are few more ardent advocates of the spirit of the Order than Sister Harvey. She has always taken a deep interest in questions affecting the advancement of the Rebekah Degree, and she is very popular with all who know her.



MELISSA A. SESSIONS, Charter Member

Melissa A. Sessions is a charter member of the Mt. Bidwell Rebekah Lodge No. 28. She was the fifth Noble Grand of the Lodge of which she is a member and has, since the institution of that Lodge in February, 1895, been one of its most interested and active members. She was the first delegate from this Lodge to the Rebekah Assembly and the second District Deputy President appointed from the Mt. Bidwell Lodge for Rebekah District No. 52.



JOHN SCHUYLES, Past Grand

John Schuyles was initiated December, 1880, at Edgar, Nebraska. In 1888 he withdrew from this Lodge and was one of the charter members of Oceanside Lodge No. 346, which was instituted at Oceanside, California, July 20, 1888, and was elected the first Noble Grand; he was also one of the charter members of Oceanside Rebekah Lodge No. 146, which was instituted January 21, 1889, and was the first Noble Grand of this Lodge. In May, 1889, he became a member of the Grand Lodge of California as a Representative, and has attended every session of that Grand Body, with two exceptions, since first becoming a Representative.

He now holds membership in the Subordinate Lodge and the Rebekah Lodge. He is active, energetic, full of spirit and of vim, always alive to the best interests of the Order he so loves.



# Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F.

By COL. O. H. BROWER

THE Degree of Patriarchs Militant is founded upon the principles of Universal Justice (*Justitia Universalis*). The doctrines of rights are advocated by peaceful methods, but if necessary will be defended by the exercise of force—ideas, enlarged and beautiful. 1885 Journal 10,114-10,111.

The charge to the candidate prior to enrollment must embrace the above ideas, enlarged and beautified. 1885, Journal 10,114-10,111.

This Degree is purely military and for display purposes, and all civic matters pertaining to its membership must and can only be arranged through the Encampment Branch of the Order.

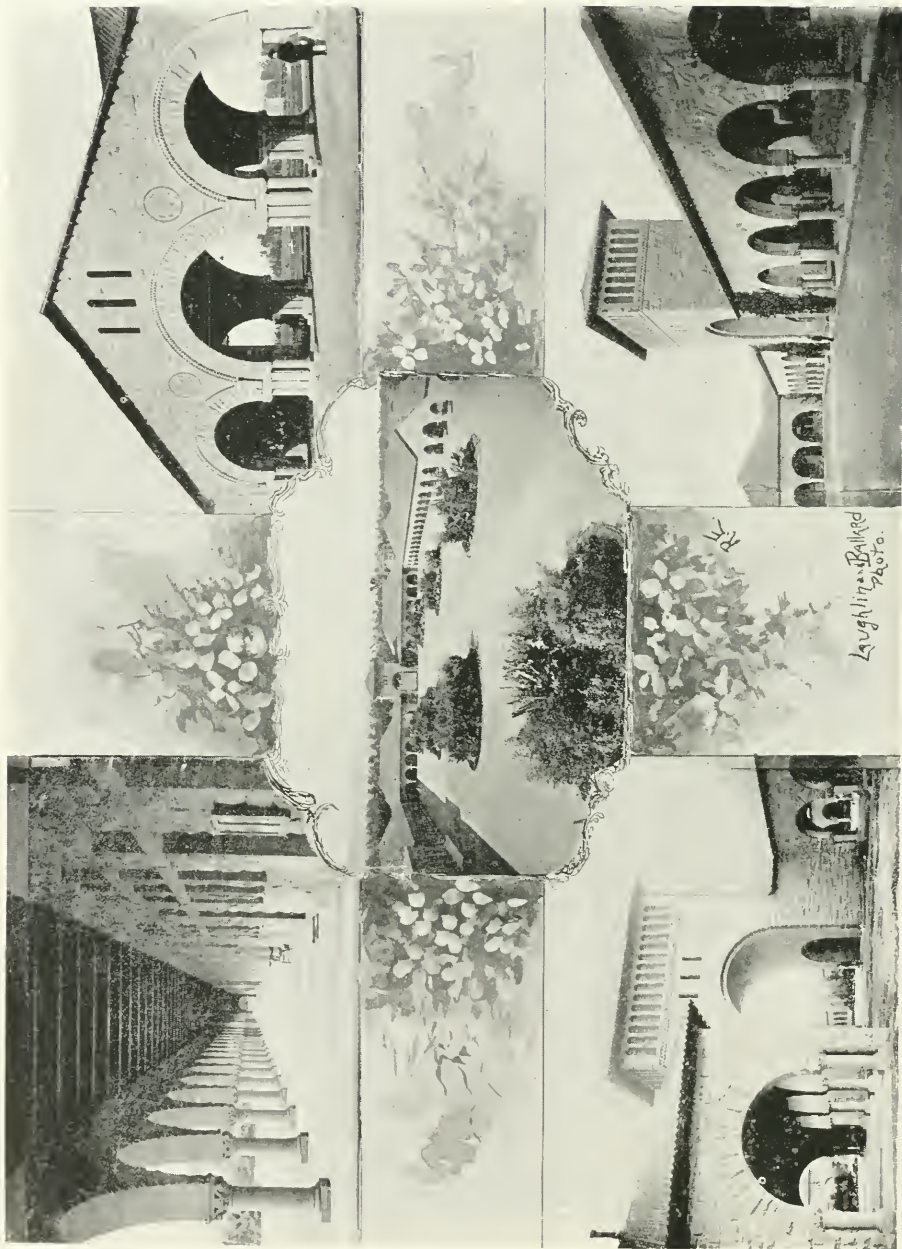


GENERAL EDWIN HAZEN BLACK, Past Grand Patriarch

Edwin Hazen Black, Past Grand Patriarch, was born in Embden, Maine, July 1, 1847; enlisted in the Fifth Rhode Island Artillery in 1863, and came across the plains to California in 1868. Brother Black was initiated into Unity Lodge No. 131 I. O. O. F., in 1869, and elected Noble Grand in 1874; passed through the Chairs of Oriental Encampment No. 57, and served two years as D. D. G. M. and one year as D. D. G. P.; was a Delegate in the Grand Encampment, and served as Chairman of Committee on Appeals, and elected Grand Patriarch in 1882; was the first commander of Uniform Degree Camp No. 5, and was in command of Canton San Francisco No. 5, Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., and gave five competitive drills; was the first Colonel of 2d Regiment, Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., and served two years as Brigadier-General, commanding the Department of California, and was in command of the Odd Fellows' Parade at the Midwinter Fair, 1894, on Odd Fellows' Day. There are few men so devoted to Odd Fellowship as Brother Black; of an exceedingly original turn of mind it is interesting to hear him discuss men and philosophize on the varied phases of life. A worthy citizen, a man of strong character, who has the happy faculty of making many friends and few enemies.

## ORGANIZATION.

The unit of organization of the Degree is a "Canton" to consist of at least fifteen (15) members who are designated "Chevaliers." The Degree of the Patriarchs Militant was adopted September 24, 1885, at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Baltimore, Md., without a dissenting vote.



Laughlin, Balfour  
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## MILITARY SUBDIVISIONS.

The "Cantons" throughout the world are organized into Battalions, Regiments, Brigades, Divisions, Army Corps and an Army.

## EX-OFFICIO OFFICERS.

The Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is the Commander-in-Chief.

All Cantons and Patriarch Militant forces are under the immediate supervision and control of the various Department Commanders within the jurisdic-



HENRY ORSON BROWER, Colonel Commanding 2d Regt., Dept. of California, P. M., I. O. O. F.

Henry Orson Brower, Past Chief Patriarch, was born in Lexington, Indiana, September 7, 1840; enlisted August 27, 1862, and served in the 100th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry and went to Danville, Illinois, in the year 1866. He was initiated into Danville Lodge No. 69, I. O. O. F., in 1868, and subsequently served as Noble Grand; joined Marsh Encampment No. 46, in 1869, and served as Chief Patriarch; was elected Captain of Company A, 3d Regiment, Illinois National Guard, and served as such for five years; was elected as Commander of Uniform Degree, Camp No. 14, in the Department of Illinois, and served for four years as Captain of Canton Danville No. 11, Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., and served as Lieutenant-Colonel and in command of the 3d Regiment, Patriarchs Militant, in the Division of the Lakes, in 1887. Mr. Brower came to California June 30, 1891, and joined Canton San Francisco No. 5, Patriarchs Militant, in 1892, and was elected Captain in 1895, serving one year; was then elected Colonel of the 2d Regiment, Patriarchs Militant, Department of California, in 1896, and re-elected in 1898; joined Unity Lodge No. 131 by card in 1896, and was elected Delegate to the Grand Lodge of California in 1899.

tion, wherever located, subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and orders issued by the Grand Sire, ex-officio commander-in-chief of the Patriarchs Militant.

## ORIGIN OF THE DEGREE.

The origin of the Degree, the incidents and continuous legislation thereto dates as far back as 1841, and continued up to the time the degree was adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, September 24, 1885.



### THE FIRST UNIFORM.

The first favorable legislation toward establishing a military branch of Odd Fellowship was enacted at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in the year 1872 by the adoption of the following resolution.

*“Resolved, That Encampments be permitted to wear such a style of street uniform, on parade, as may be sanctioned by the Grand Encampments of their respective jurisdiction.”*

Thus a uniform was adopted consisting of Chapeau, Baldric, Sword, Belt and Gauntlets, to be worn only by the Royal Purple Degree Members of Encampment.

At the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Baltimore, September 24, 1885, a new uniform was adopted and the present Patriarch Militant Degree thus organized.

The following year of 1886, during the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Boston, Mass., a parade took place on September 22, 1886, consisting of the Order in Massachusetts, the New England States, and visiting brothers from a distance. Here the Patriarchs Militant made their first appearance in a general parade. The number in parade was estimated at 15,000, and 6,000 of which were Patriarchs Militant in full uniform. So rapid was the growth and increase in membership that in the year of 1893, only five years then in existence, numbered twenty-three thousand, four hundred and twenty-six members, with one million, one hundred and sixty-one thousand, nine hundred and seventy (\$1,161,970) dollars in uniforms, equipments, etc.

### THE HISTORY OF THE MILITARY BRANCH OF ODD FELLOWSHIP IN CALIFORNIA.

Agreeable to and in conformity with the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, enacted in the year 1872, the Patriarchs of California was organized from the various Encampments, and adopted the uniform prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and approved by the Grand Encampment of California. A Battalion was then formed called the Golden Gate Battalion, and commanded by Capt. Geo. T. Bowen. The company gave a ball at Platt's Hall, San Francisco, Thanksgiving night, November, 1873, and their first appearance of note was in parade during the session of the Grand Lodge of California, I. O. O. F., held in Vallejo, California, in May, 1874. They thereafter kept up their organization, frequently appearing on proper occasions until they were merged into "Uniform Degree Camps." There were several similar organizations throughout California as well as of the Order at large, which led up to further action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the annual session held in Providence, R. I., in the year of 1883, authorizing each Grand Encampment to issue charters for "Uniform Degree Camps." The Military Branch of the Order thus organized created new desires and requirements and during the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in the City of Baltimore the "Degree" of Patriarchs Militant was created and placed upon a strict military basis September 24, 1885 (the work having been exemplified by Canton Excelsior No. 1, of Louisville, Ky.), and the first record of the Patriarchs Militant organization made known in California, was by the appointment of Chas. Wesley Breyfogle, of San Jose, as Brigadier General, when placed in command of the Department of California, he issued his first General Order No. 1, dated San Jose, Cal., January 22, 1886, appointing his Brigade Staff. On the 12th day of April, 1886, General Breyfogle issued General Order No. 2, organizing the following Battalion and Regiments:



## FIRST REGIMENT.

CHAS. A. GARTER, Col. Com'dg.

First Battalion: Cantons, Sacramento Nos. 1 and 18; Nevada No. 6, and Porter No. 10.  
 Second " Canton, Chico No. 3; Red Bluff No. 12, and Golden State No. 14.  
 Third " Canton, Ridgley No. 15; Eschol No. 43.

## SECOND REGIMENT.

E. H. BLACK, Col. Com'dg.

First Battalion: San Francisco No. 5 and 19; Eschol No. 13, and Vallejo No. 16.  
 Second " San Jose No. 9; Pacific No. 10, and Oakland No. 11.  
 Third " Orion No. 12, and San Bernardino No. 17.

## PAST COMMANDERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA.

Brigadier General C. W. Breyfogle, San Jose; Brigadier General E. K. Russell, Oakland; Brigadier General E. H. Black, San Francisco; Brigadier General J. H. Crosett, San Francisco.  
 Past Commander 1st Regiment, Colonel C. A. Garter, Sacramento; Past Commander 2d Regiment, Colonel E. H. Black, San Francisco; Past Commander 3d Regiment, J. H. Applegate, Alameda.  
 Headquarters Department of California, Santa Ana, Cal.,  
 C. C. SHERMAN, Brig. Genl. Com'dg.

## BRIGADE STAFF.

Chief of Staff, Lieut. Col. J. W. Harris; Assistant Adjutant General, Major E. H. Grewell; Assistant Inspector General, Major W. J. Schlosser; Quartermaster General, Major Frank Lee; Commissary General, Major John Gray; Banneretti, Capt. T. Carrif; Assistant Surgeon General, Major D. E. Nash; Brigade Chaplain, Major Xavier Mefret.

## FIRST REGIMENT.

W. H. SHERBURN, Col. Com'dg.

First Battalion: Canton, Sacramento No. 1; Canton, Red Bluff No. 3; Canton, Placerville No. 4.  
 Second " Canton, Neva No. 6; Canton, Portel No. 7; Canton, Chico No. 2.  
 Third " Canton, Ridgley No. 15; Canton, Eschol No. 13.

## SECOND REGIMENT.

H. O. BROWER, Col. Com'dg.

First Battalion: Canton, San Francisco No. 5; Canton, Oakland No. 11.  
 Second " Canton, San Jose No. 9; Canton, Veritas No. 21.  
 Third " Canton, Santa Rosa No. 23; Canton, Tulare No. 26; Canton, Selma No. 24.

## THIRD REGIMENT.

SAMUEL F. SMITH, Col. Com'dg.

First Battalion: Canton, Orion No. 12; Canton, Los Angeles No. 27.  
 Second " Canton, Riverside No. 25; Canton, San Bernardino No. 17.  
 Third " Canton, San Diego No. 22; Canton, Lyon No. 23; Canton, Ventura No. 29.

## ARMY OF PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

Reports of the various department councils and Cantons on April 26, 1897, presents the following exhibit: 476 Cantons, 128 Battalions, 43 Regiments and 13 Brigades, with a total membership of 16,064; property on hand, \$273,967.16; cash on hand, \$43,360.96.

## DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Department of California the report of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the close of 1897 shows that we then had 19 Cantons, 9 Battalions, 3 Regiments, 1 Brigade, with a membership of 661.

Throughout the year of 1898 much activity and increased interest has been shown, and more especially on the event of our Golden Jubilee Celebration, which has had the desired effect to increase our membership by many accessions to our ranks.

On July 27, 1899, a new Canton was organized at Ventura, and named Canton Ventura No. 29, with 36 active charter members.

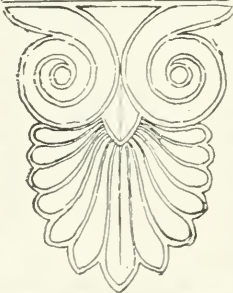
Much enthusiasm exists at this present time in the rank and file of the Patriarchs Militant throughout this entire jurisdiction.

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### CONGRESS WILL BE ASKED TO ESTABLISH ANOTHER PARK.

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Congressman Needham, who has just returned from a trip through the mountain ranges capped by Mount Whitney, will ask the next Congress to establish a second National Park in this State having similar regulations to Yosemite. Needham was twenty-one days in the saddle and says he spent some time exploring a valley lying within the confines of Tulare which to his mind rivals the Yosemite in the splendor of nature's handiwork.

It is higher in altitude, more diverse in grandeur and fully as striking in beauty. The place is rarely visited by tourists, as its attractions are not generally known. What is needed principally is a road. One which was built some years ago leading to a socialist colony will answer for part of the way, but others are needed to make the gorges accessible to tourists. Needham conferred with Congressman De Vries with a view of securing his aid, the latter having had some experience in such matters, as Yosemite lies mostly in his district.—*San Francisco Call*.





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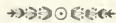
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# PROGRAMME



The Celebration of the GOLDEN JUBILEE of ODD FELLOWSHIP in CALIFORNIA will extend over the three days of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 18th, 19th and 20th, 1899.

The MECHANICS' PAVILION has been engaged for the entire period of the Celebration, and, besides being appropriately decorated, will be fitted up with booths, under the charge of the different districts of San Francisco and Odd Fellows of other sections of the State, for the reception, accommodation and headquarters of members of the Order and their friends.

The main public hall of the ODD FELLOWS' TEMPLE has also been secured for the two days (Monday and Tuesday) preceding the Celebration, as a rendezvous and reception place for visitors who may reach the city prior to the 18th.

There will be a grand ELECTRICAL, ILLUMINATION of the Odd Fellows' Temple on the evening of each of the three days of the Celebration.

The Mechanics' Pavilion, and the booths therein, will be open at noon of Wednesday, October 18th, and during the remainder of that day and evening, as well as during the day and evening of Thursday and Friday, for the accommodation of Odd Fellows and their friends.



## Wednesday Evening, October 18th

Golden Gate Park Band, under the leadership of Prof. I. C. Coggin, will be in attendance at the Mechanics' Pavilion from 7 P. M. till midnight, and prior to the formal exercises will render the following musical selections:

1. "Castaldo March" . . . . . *Novaeck*
2. "La Vennoise" . . . . . *Karl*
3. "The Iron King" . . . . . *St. Clair*
4. "Grand March to the Sunset-Land" . . . . . *Albert I. Sumner*  
*of Templar Lodge No. 17*
5. "Margery" . . . . . *Daniels*
6. "On the Day when Dewey Comes Home" . . . . . *Lee Johnson*

## EXERCISES

(Commencing at 8 O'clock)

1. Overture—"Orpheus" . . . . . *Offenbach*  
Golden Gate Park Band
2. Opening Remarks . . . By Chairman of Exercises Committee, M. T. Moses
3. Invocation . . . . . By Rev. E. R. Dille, Grand Chaplain
4. Part Song—" 'Tis Thy Wedding Morning" . . . . . *Cowen*

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ADA DOMES, Recording Secretary  
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NELLIE WOOD, Past Noble Grand  
MARY BULL, Chaplain



# Thursday Morning, October 19th

## Grand Parade

HON. M. M. ESTEE . . . . . Grand Marshal.  
 J. HARRY SCOTT . . . . . Chief of Staff.

LINE OF MARCH: From Odd Fellows' Hall, 7th and Market streets; down Market, to Montgomery, to Bush, to Kearny, to Market, to Van Ness Avenue, to Ellis, countermarching on Van Ness Avenue, to Market, to 7th Street, passing the reviewing officer, and then dismiss.

TIME OF PARADE: The Column will move promptly at 11 A. M.

THE PROCESSION will consist of an Escort and Ten Divisions, composed of the following:

Platoon of Police.  
 Grand Marshal and Chief of Staff.  
 Aids to the Grand Marshal.  
 Gen. C. C. Sherman and Staff.  
 Cantons of Patriarchs Militant.  
 Rebekah Drill Corps of California.  
 Rebekah Aids (24) in Elegant Riding Costumes.  
 Rebekah Assembly Officers.  
 Rebekah Lodges of California.  
 Grand Encampment Officers.  
 Grand Encampment of California.  
 Subordinate Encampments of California.  
 Governor of California and Staff.  
 Other State Officers.  
 Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of California.  
 Past Grand Masters, I. O. O. F., of California.  
 Veteran Odd Fellows.  
 Veteran Rebekah Association.  
 Mayor of San Francisco.  
 Other Municipal Officers of San Francisco.  
 Aged Odd Fellows from I. O. O. F. Home, Thermalito, Cal.  
 Trustees of I. O. O. F. Home.  
 Orphans from I. O. O. F. Orphans' Home, Gilroy, Cal.  
 Trustees of I. O. O. F. Orphans' Home.  
 Relief Committees, I. O. O. F.  
 Employment Bureau, I. O. O. F.  
 Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F., of California.

### FLOATS.

"Orphans' Home."  
 "Relief Committee."                      "Rebekah at the Well."  
 "The Covenant Between Jonathan and David."  
 "The Trial of Abraham's Faith."  
 "San Francisco's Welcome to the Odd Fellows."

Floats of Rebekah Lodges, Encampments and Subordinate Lodges, and other special features.

NOTE.—The complete formation of the Divisions of the Procession, and Rules governing the Parade, etc., will be announced in proper form before the day of the Parade.

## Thursday Evening, October 19th

MECHANICS' PAVILION, 8 O'clock.

1. Military Dress Parade by Cantons of Patriarchs Militant.
2. Competitive Prize Drill by Cantons of Patriarchs Militant.  
First Prize, Trophy valued at \$400, and \$100 in cash.  
Second Prize, \$150 in cash.
3. Exhibition and Display Drill by Cantons of Patriarchs Militant.
4. Prize Exhibition and Display Drill by Rebekah Drill Corps.  
Fifty dollars to each Drill Corps making a creditable exhibition.



## Friday Morning, October 20th

A Grand Excursion and Picnic at El Campo. The steamer *Ukiah* will leave the Ferry, at the foot of Market Street, at 9.30 A. M., 11.30 A. M. and 1.30 P. M., and returning, will leave El Campo at 3 P. M. and 5 P. M. Fare and admission: For adults and children 12 years of age and over, 25 cents; for children under 12 years of age, 15 cents.

For those desiring to make the trip to the top of Mt. Tamalpais over the celebrated Mt. Tamalpais Scenic Railway, the unprecedented and low rate of one dollar for the round trip has been obtained for Friday, October 20th and Saturday, October 21st. For this trip take the boat of the Sausalito Route, leaving the Ferry, at the foot of Market Street.



## Friday Evening, October 20th

MECHANICS' PAVILION, 8 O'clock.

### Grand Ball

Floor Manager: O. W. ERLEWINE, P. G. P. and G. R.

ASSISTANTS: John Thompson, D. V. Deuel, E. Dryselius, H. M. D. Meyer.

FLOOR COMMITTEE: J. D. Davis, W. J. Black, B. W. Fabian, O. M. Colburn, Fred H. Siebe, Fred D. Ashworth, Frank E. Smith, J. Coplin Stinson, M. W. Brower, G. Jarvis, J. J. Applegate, Daniel Burns, H. D. Nienhaus, A. Jacobi, G. B. Crawford, James A. Larkin, W. W. Watson, John W. Perry, W. O. Parker, Ernest Rohde.

Concert by the band at 8 o'clock.

Military Dress Parade and Review, and Awarding Prizes to Patriarchs Militant for Competitive Drill, 8:15 to 8:45.

Concert by the band at 8:45 P. M. Dancing from 9 P. M. to 2 A. M.

“HOME, SWEET HOME, 2 A. M.

# The Veteran Odd Fellows' Association of California.

BY L. L. ALEXANDER, Past President.

This Association is the fourth one of the kind organized in the United States, and to Past Grand Sire E. D. Farnsworth belongs the credit of its inception and preliminary organization. The following is copied from the *New Age* of April 14, 1877:

"All Odd Fellows in good standing, belonging to Lodges in San Francisco and vicinity, who have been Odd Fellows twenty years or more, are requested to meet on Tuesday evening, April 17, 1877, at 7:30 o'clock, at the office of W. B. Lyon, Grand Secretary, Odd Fellows' Building, to take into consideration the subject of forming a Veteran Odd Fellows' Association."



ROBERT BURNS, Past President

Brother Robert Burns is a prominent Odd Fellow and successful business man, one who by his habits of living, industry and frugality has set an example young men may follow with profit. He early made the Bible his study and its precepts his guide. Having musical talent he improved and used it in God's praise. He was born in Manchester, England, January 16, 1832, and is by trade a tinner and coppersmith. Brother Burns came to Fall River, Massachusetts, July 10, 1849, and removed to San Francisco, California, August 28, 1858, and worked at his trade. His good voice and musical talent was sought, which rendered him financial and moral profit. In April, 1859, he went to Arcata, Humboldt County, followed his trade, and September 7, 1859, was initiated in Anniversary Lodge No. 85, I. O. O. F. He returned to San Francisco in October, 1859, and worked at his trade until February, 1861. He then returned to Arcata, Humboldt County, and engaged in the stove and hardware business, and by his fine business ability acquired a competence. In 1885 he retired from business, and during his twenty-five years' residence in Arcata he was a regular attendant at his Lodge, which he ably assisted in making almost the largest numerically and best financially in the State according to the population of the town, which is about 1,000. The Lodge numbers 170 members, its assets being \$13,000. Anniversary Lodge owns its own building, which is one of the best in the State. Brother Burns was elected and served three terms as Recording Secretary of the Lodge, and was elected Noble Grand January 7, 1863, and served the full term. He was a representative to the Grand Lodge May 1, 1866, and with a few exceptions has been elected and represented Anniversary Lodge annually in the Grand Lodge, and is at present a member of the same. In November, 1894, he moved with his family to San Francisco, where he now resides. Brother Burns takes great pleasure in recommending all young men of good character to apply for initiation, as it will aid them physically, morally and financially. Take the advice of a forty years' active member and become an Odd Fellow.

About one hundred and twenty-five brothers responded to the call. At an adjourned meeting held April 24, 1877, in the office of Nathan Porter, northeast corner of California and Kearny streets, a constitution for the Association was adopted, and Nathan Porter, G. R., was elected President and F. B. Austin Secretary.

Article 2 of the Constitution reads as follows:

“ OBJECT.

“ The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Odd Fellowship by the dissemination of its principles, to enlist the older members more fully in the good work, and revive the interest heretofore taken by them in their early days in the Order, and to preserve a record of their connection therewith.”



GEORGE ADAM RAPP, Past Grand.

George Adam Rapp was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1851, of German parents. His mother died early in 1862, and soon after the lad left home and went to Leavenworth, Kansas. He inherited a fondness for animals, especially horses, and, being thrown in the company of teamsters, made several trips across the plains while yet a youth. In August, 1863, he enlisted in the 6th Kansas Cavalry, serving until 1865, his services terminating with the War. He saw service with Custer in 1867 and with Miles in 1869, fighting Indians. He was initiated into Germania Lodge No. 9, Leavenworth, Kansas, May 23, 1873. Soon after his initiation, and receiving all the Degrees, he left Kansas for San Francisco, where he arrived January 2, 1874, and engaged in the occupation of teaming, which he followed for five years, at the expiration of which time he went to Arizona and Mexico, and became actively interested in teaming, mining and smelting. Returning to San Francisco he was initiated into Unity Encampment No. 26, June 18, 1878, and in 1888 he deposited his withdrawal card in Abou Ben Adhem Lodge. He passed the Chairs in this Lodge, becoming a Past Grand in 1894. He remained a member of this Lodge until September, 1895, when he withdrew to become a charter member of Farnsworth Lodge No. 95, of which Lodge he is still a member. He passed the Chairs in Unity Encampment, and subsequently withdrew and became a member of Oriental Encampment in 1895. He is a member of Oriental Rebekah Lodge No. 90, and became a member of the Veteran Odd Fellows' Association in May of 1893, under the twenty-year limit (since changed to twenty-one years). Brother Rapp has been, since 1888, in the service of W. W. Montague & Co. There are, perhaps, few, if any, whose record is so remarkable as Brother Rapp's, in that, while yet a youth, he served his country in the Civil War. His service under Custer and Miles was that of a teamster for the United States, but nevertheless, the danger was as great from the hostile Comanches, Cheyennes and Apaches as if he had been bearing arms. Brother Rapp's father is now living, at the age of seventy-six, hale and hearty; he was an Odd Fellow long before the subject of this sketch was born. A kind-hearted, earnest, conscientious, highly individualized man, with strong convictions, Brother Rapp makes true friends, who are loyal to him because of his devotion to them, as well as because of his own sterling worth. He takes great interest in all that pertains to the Order, and is proud of his membership in the Veterans' Association.



From Article V the following is quoted:

“An Annual Entertainment Meeting shall be held during the week of the Grand Lodge, at which time all members of the Association are expected to be present. These meetings shall be of a social nature, for the purpose of cementing and reviving old friendships, spending a pleasant evening and encouraging each other to ‘go on’ in the good work.”

Article XI.—Qualifications for Membership:

“No person shall be eligible to membership in this Association until twenty-one years after the date of his initiation into the Order, nor unless he be an active member in good standing in some subordinate Lodge and shall reside west of the Rocky Mountains.”

Article XVII reads as follows:

“No intoxicating liquors of any kind shall be furnished or allowed at any of the meetings or entertainments of this Association.”

From the last Annual Report of the Secretary, Wm. H. Barnes, the following extract is taken:

“For the 20th time I am privileged to make an Annual Report to this Association.

Total number of names on roll..... 1050  
 Number at last report..... 1024

200 deaths have been reported since the organization of the society. There are 530 names on the new (or revised) list.

The names of the Board of Officers for 1899-1900 are as follows:

- Geo. H. Morrison—President.
- F. A. Weck—Vice-President.
- Wm. H. Barnes—Secretary.
- D. Sewell—Treasurer.
- W. T. Galloway—Marshal.

Directors—H. S. Winn, E. B. Cooper, C. O. Burton, Geo. W. Dixon, W. F.

Norcross.

Names of the Past Presidents of the Association, with date of service:

*NATHAN PORTER . . . . .	Elected	Apr., 1877
CHAS. N. FOX . . . . .	"	Nov., 1877
CHAS. N. FOX . . . . .	"	Nov., 1878
L. L. ALEXANDER . . . . .	"	Nov., 1879
*E. D. FARNSWORTH . . . . .	"	Apr., 1880
*C. W. DANIELS . . . . .	"	Apr., 1881
C. O. BURTON . . . . .	"	Apr., 1882
*E. F. WHITE . . . . .	"	May, 1883
*FRED KRAUTH . . . . .	"	May, 1884
W. F. NORCROSS . . . . .	"	May, 1885
DANL. SEWELL . . . . .	"	May, 1886
H. S. WINN . . . . .	"	May, 1887
L. W. S. DOWNS . . . . .	"	May, 1888
E. B. COOPER . . . . .	"	May, 1889
W. S. GIBBS . . . . .	"	May, 1890
GEO. W. DIXON . . . . .	"	May, 1891
*JAMES LINFORTH . . . . .	"	May, 1892
MOSES GREENEBAUM . . . . .	"	May, 1893
GEO. T. SHAW . . . . .	"	May, 1894
EDWIN H. BLACK . . . . .	"	May, 1895
W. S. DRYDEN . . . . .	"	May, 1896
J. F. CROSSETT . . . . .	"	May, 1897
ROBERT BURNS . . . . .	"	May, 1898

* Deceased

This Association has very clearly shown the great value of Fraternity to the individual and the lasting effect of its teachings as exemplified in the pride manifested for past labors and interest still taken by the Veterans in the continued work for their beloved Order, and is of value to the community, State and country for strengthening the bond of union and keeping in touch with each other men who have been taught and trained in the unexcelled school of Odd Fellowship for the high duties of citizenship in all its relations or phases.

## The Odd Fellows' Cemetery Association

The Odd Fellows' Cemetery Association is one of the important features of the Order; to bury the dead being one of the cardinal principles of Odd Fellowship. George T. Bohlen, Past Grand Representative, has been President of this Association since its organization. At the present time the Columbarium is the largest and finest in the world. The crematory should be seen to be appreciated, as no description can give one an adequate idea of the manner in which everything about it is handled.



GEORGE T. BOHLEN

George T. Bohlen was initiated in Harmony Lodge No. 6, Baltimore, Md., in May, 1845. He arrived in San Francisco November, 1850, and deposited his card in Yerba Buena Lodge No. 15 in 1853, remaining in that Lodge until March 25, 1869, when he withdrew and became a charter member and was one of the prominent factors in instituting Pacific Lodge No. 155, and still retains membership there. He is a member of Golden Gate Encampment No. 1, and in 1864 represented the Grand Lodge of California in the Grand Lodge of the United States in the City of Boston. Brother Bohlen was one of the organizers and Commander of Golden Gate Battalion, Uniformed Patriarchs. He was elected President of the Cemetery Association when it was first organized, and has constantly labored to make the Columbarium and Crematory, and everything in connection therewith, the largest and most complete of its kind in the world. Prior to the removal of the Odd Fellows from their Montgomery Street property he was active in all branches of the Order, and it was a great disappointment to him that the financiers of the Order disposed of this property and moved to Seventh and Market streets. To relate here the offices held and the work performed by Brother Bohlen for the government of California would take more space than we have at our command in a work of this character, but all who know the Brother will realize that we do not overdraw the picture when we say he is a man of virility, unusual activity, kind of heart, as a friend loyal and true as the needle to the pole, genial, looking on the bright side of every question, doing what he can to correct what he thinks needs mending, but not worrying over his inability to make everything go as he thinks it ought to.

We present herewith illustrations of the main lower entrance to the cemetery, which has more the appearance of an entrance to a family residence than to a burial place; also a bird's-eye view, showing the Columbarium in front, the Crematory off to the right, and to the left the last resting places of Parker, Bohem, Porter, Morse, Farnsworth, and many other of the distinguished Odd Fellows, who helped to lay the foundation and erect upon it the great superstructure of Odd Fellowship in California during the last fifty years. Just over the dome of the Columbarium is seen the dome of the sarcophagus of Brother Piper, ex-Congressman, recently deceased. A short distance from the Columbarium, and along the first avenue leading up to the crematory, is the neat, well-kept resting place of Sister Rosa L. Winn and Charles Clarence Winn, wife and son of Past Grand Patriarch H. S. Winn. Sister Winn was a woman of strong individuality, kind and gentle in her nature, whose deeds of charity have gladdened many a heart, and who, in the early history of California, in the City of Sacramento, as well as in the State of Nevada, performed little acts of kindness that will be remembered to her credit before the great white Throne of He who trieth the hearts of the children of men.

The Chapel is here shown looking toward the front entrance. Standing within this room, dedicated to religious services, one feels the same atmosphere that pervades the usual place of worship. Here religious services may be held by any denomination, free of charge, or restrictions of any character whatever.

The illustration showing the rotunda of the Columbarium has much the appearance of an ordinary living room. In this room the urns are deposited; a delicate and refined atmosphere prevails here, divesting the mind of the unpleasant feeling that often goes hand in hand with anything associated with the burial of the dead. Odd Fellows generally do not feel the repugnance to death which is too often met with, the thought coming to us through our ritual that those who have passed on are not dead, but simply sleep, to awake again in a better and purer environment. In this room where the friends of the departed visit them in spirit one feels the truth of the words of Holy Writ, "Oh grave where is thy victory! Oh Death where is thy sting!"

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## GEORGE R. FLETCHER

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ODD FELLOWS' CEMETERY, SAN FRANCISCO.

George R. Fletcher, Past Grand, was born December 25, 1849, and can therefore celebrate with us the Golden Jubilee of his birth. He was initiated in Alta Lodge No. 205 in 1880, passed the Chair of the Noble Grand in 1881, and is still a member of that Lodge. He was initiated in Oriental Encampment No. 57, in 1883, and has retained membership to the present day. He was Secretary of the Odd Fellows' Literary and Social Club for four years.

In July, 1885, he was elected Superintendent of the Odd Fellows' Cemetery, and has held that position continuously since. A skilled mechanic, thoroughly familiar with all that pertains to mechanics, of an original mind, he has been of great service to the Association. He superintended the building of the Crematorium and Columbarium; and to visit with him, listening to the explanations of how this is done, and why that was done, noting the evolution of this institution,

realizing that this man has made so careful a study of the entire subject-matter that from the time you enter the Crematorium with a body, until the entire work of incineration has been performed, not a word is spoken, but everything is done automatically by the touch of a bell, you cannot fail to admire the genius of the man. His work is done in the presence of those who would be quick to note the least jar or friction, hence it is exceedingly important that just such a man should be in this position. His heart is in his work, it is an important work, and we can only say, long may he remain in charge of it.



GEORGE R. FLETCHER, Superintendent Odd Fellows' Cemetery

## Kern Lodge No. 202, I. O. O. F., Bakersfield.

KERN LODGE No. 202 I. O. O. F. was instituted April 26, 1872, at Bakersfield, Kern County, California. Her charter members, though but few in number, were strong in character and influence. She has steadily grown in numbers and in favor with the community. Her personnel is first class. She is naturally proud of her fine Odd Fellows' Hall (nearly paid for). And keeping in view the great principle of "The Brotherhood of Man"—remembering also the 50 years of Odd Fellowship in California, her more than four score trained voices join most heartily in swelling the grand jubilee chorus.

The names of present officers are: T. P. Pinnell, N. G.; W. W. Hitchcock, V. G.; W. C. Moss, Rec. Sec.; J. B. Batz, Fin. Sec.; O. O. Mattson, Treas.

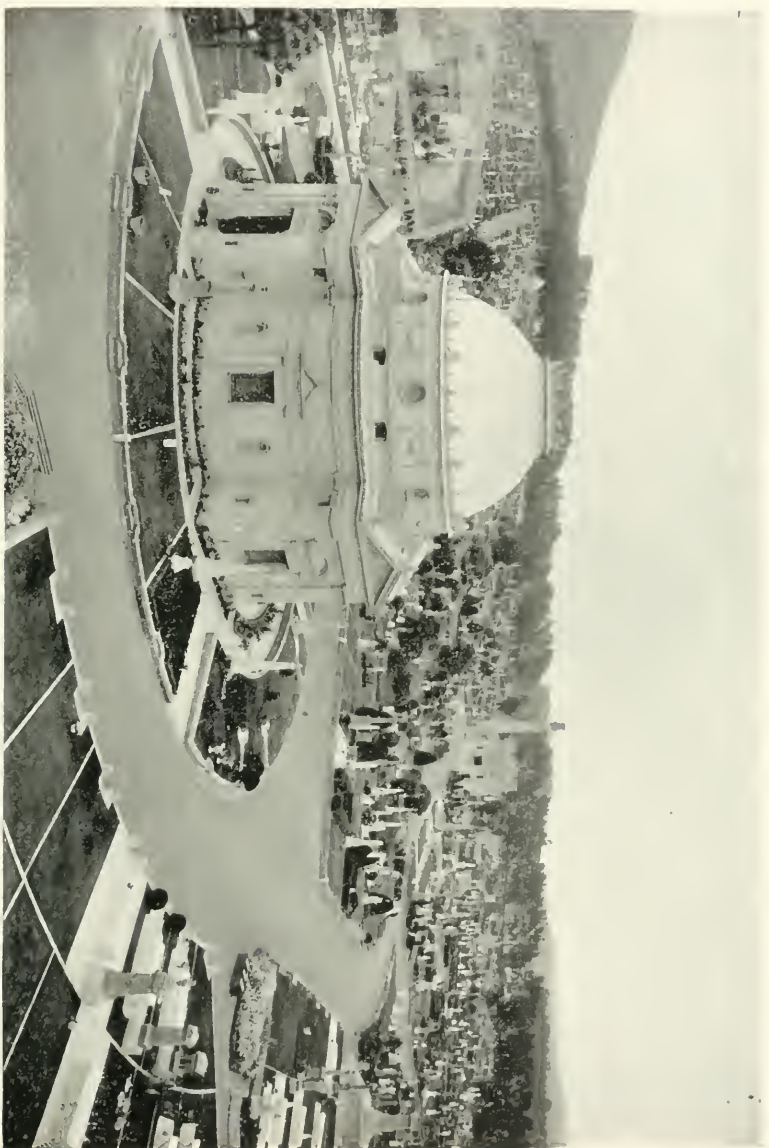




MAIN LOWER ENTRANCE, ODD FELLOWS' CEMETERY



CHAPEL CREMATORIUM, LOOKING TOWARD FRONT ENTRANCE



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE ODD FELLOWS' CEMETERY



ROTUNDA. COLUMBARIUM



# JAMES MORRIS TROUTT

PAST GRAND OF OPHIR LODGE NO. 171

Brother James Morris Troutt was born in Massachusetts, and in 1853, when five years of age, he came to San Francisco with his parents, and ever since has been a resident of the Pacific Coast. In 1871 he graduated at Harvard College, and then read law. He was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of California in 1874.

He was initiated in Ophir Lodge No. 171, I. O. O. F., in 1879, and soon became Noble Grand. He also passed the Chairs of Oriental Encampment, and then joined the Patriarchs Militant. He was degree master of Excelsior Degree Lodge No. 2 for several terms, resigning on account of illness. He was chosen by the delegates of the General Relief Committee as President of that admirable body. He assisted in the organization of "The Odd Fellows' Literary and Social



JAMES MORRIS TROUTT, Past Grand

Club," and was its third President, the late Walter B. Lyon having been its first President. He and his wife are members of Templar Rebekah Lodge.

He accepted the appointment of first Assistant District Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco, and acted in that capacity from 1885 to 1887. He was elected Judge of the Superior Court in 1890 for the unexpired term of Judge T. K. Wilson, and was selected by his associates to serve as Presiding Judge for the year 1892. In this year he was re-elected to the Superior Bench for a six-year term, and in 1898 he was again elected for another six-year term.

In 1896 he became associated with the Masonic Fraternity on the recommendation of Reuben H. Lloyd, and in December, 1898, he was elected Worshipful Master of Oriental Lodge No. 144, F. A. M. He holds the office of "King" of San Francisco Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and is a Knight Templar of California Commandery, and a Mystic Shriner of Islam Temple, and also a Scottish Rite Mason, having received thirty degrees. He has passed the Chairs of Fidelity Lodge A. O. U. W.

# The Fraternal Press

BY W. F. NORCROSS, Past Grand

To the fraternal press of California are the various benevolent organizations largely indebted for their advancement and progress, for the elevation of their votaries, in giving to them a clean and wholesome literature, alike interesting to the families of the members, in promulgating the pure principles underlying the fraternities, and to the members in expounding their tenets, and disabusing the minds of the masses of ignorance and intolerance, which hitherto have been largely detrimental to the growth and prosperity of the so-called secret societies, now, however, being happily dispelled, as the mist before the morning sun, by an intelligent administration of the power of a discriminating and efficient fraternal and public press. Among these will be found journals, devoted exclusively to the interests of the Masons, Odd Fellows, Druids, Red Men, Pythians,



ERNEST C. STOCK

Ernest C. Stock, the fraternal editor of the *Call*, is a native of Paris, France, having first seen the light of day in the metropolis of that country on the 8th day of June, 1845. In 1850 he was brought to the United States, and in the latter part of the year, with his parents, crossed the Isthmus of Panama for the Golden West, reaching San Francisco on the 8th of January, 1851. He has resided in this city ever since, and received his education in the early public and private schools. On the 8th of September, 1866, he became connected with the *Call* in the capacity of reporter, at that time there being only one reporter on the paper. He has been continuously with that journal and has filled every position from general reporter to managing editor. Three years ago he was assigned to the Fraternal Department of the paper and since then he has done a great deal to advance the several organizations which have for their purpose the protection of their members and those who are left behind when summoned by Him who allots the time that all shall remain on earth. In the discharge of his duties he has devoted considerable attention to the several branches of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and on several occasions has expressed in public that the Order is one of the grandest in the State of California.

Knights of the Golden Eagle, and other fraternal and benevolent organizations, and to the secular press, too, of recent years, as for instance the *Call*, *Bulletin*, *Chronicle*, *Examiner* and others, have, and do, devote valuable space to the promulgation of fraternal news; notably may we with just pride and thanks mention the continuous and diligent efforts of Mr. Ernest C. Stock, in the fraternal department of the Sunday San Francisco *Call*, where will be found a compilation of the latest items, in brief, relative to many societies, of which this persevering inquirer gains knowledge.

This article however is designed more particularly to acknowledge the value of the Odd Fellows' Press of California, or rather the journal devoted exclusively to the interest of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, upon the Pacific Coast, whose devotion to the cause during the past half century has contributed much to the upbuilding, growth and permanency of our Order, and the dissemination of its principles and purposes.

As early as January, 1865, the *New Age* was established under the auspices of the Order, as its advocate, and, through its able and judicious management, was soon recognized as the official organ of Odd Fellowship on the Pacific Coast. To its able exposition of the doctrines of fraternity, and the liberal promulgation of the laws and enactments of the Order, can be attributed, in great measure, its rapid spread, and the establishment of Lodges in every considerable town and hamlet in the State, as well, to its promotion throughout the Coast, and its introduction into foreign realms, and though the vicissitudes of business materially affected its fortune, as a financial success, *it still lives*, under able and intelligent management, as it has ever in the past, and the I. O. O. F. *New Age* is now the oldest continuous fraternal publication extant throughout the civilized world. Those who are familiar with it (and all Odd Fellows ought to be) know to whom they are indebted for its life and continuous existence, and, therefore, we need not eulogize individuals, nor occupy space with names, for its history would furnish many. But of the "fraternal press" what shall we say? Perhaps nothing better than quote from the very first issue of the *New Age*, as to its name, purpose and the press: "Will any true Odd Fellow be in doubt as to its significance? An age of almost universal enlightenment, of astounding progress in scientific knowledge, but most of all the age of Christian principles, and immense benevolent associations. It is emphatically a revolutionary age. How many ideas for which men would once have suffered martyrdom have been exploded in this the nineteenth century? How many truths, the propagation of which in the last century would have doomed the men to prison, to death, or to everlasting contumely, are now recognized as the highest principles of an enlightened Christianity? What does all this advancement point to? The brotherhood of man!" and to the press must we credit the promulgation of these truths. "Societies have life from the vital energies of the members which compose them, and just in proportion to their activity will their efforts be crowned with success. As the lungs disseminate the health-giving properties of the surrounding atmosphere in the human frame, and thus purify the life-giving currents of its existence, so may the public and fraternal press be considered as the lungs of societies, assimilating and disseminating their principles, and purifying the surrounding intellectual and moral atmosphere.

"No society can hope for even a moderate degree of prosperity, without the aid of this most powerful engine, the *press*, and it is the duty of our Order, and of the active, living, breathing, working members of the Order, to avail themselves of this agent to illustrate their principles and sentiments, as well as to record their struggles and successes in the great war of benevolence against the power of selfishness and ignorance."

While we have interpolated to some extent, we can add nothing further of value to the foregoing. May we not hope for still grander achievements for our beloved Order in the coming half century, which, concluding this celebration, we are about to enter, and a more manifest interest in the well-being of our FRATERNAL PRESS, whose co-operation is so eminently worthy our consideration and fostering care.

# GEORGE C. PERKINS

UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR CALIFORNIA.

George C. Perkins was initiated in Oroville Lodge No. 59, Oroville, December, 4, 1865. He passed through all the offices of the Lodge, becoming a Past Grand in a comparatively short time. He was initiated into Patriarchal Odd Fellowship, passed through all the offices, and became a Past Chief Patriarch, and for many years was an active worker in the Order. He came to the Coast a sailor boy from his native State, Maine, was an early miner and merchant, was elected to the State Senate, and served eight years continuously, being on important committees. He was Governor of the State, and has been President of the Chamber of Commerce, and President of the Board of Trade for several years.



GEORGE C. PERKINS, Past Grand

He has done much to develop the mining interests of the State, and has for years been closely identified with the agricultural, lumber and stock-raising interests of California. He has been largely engaged in shipping, and has contributed to all the varied interests of the State of his adoption. He is now a Senator of the United States from California, and his business and legislative experience has well equipped him for intelligent discharge of duty. A clear-headed, practical, common-sense man of affairs. Knowing the needs of the State, and energetic in the discharge of the details of his position, he is a safe and reliable official.



# JAMES G. MAGUIRE,

PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVE, OF SAN FRANCISCO LODGE NO. 3.

James G. Maguire was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on February 22, 1853. Coming to California in April, 1854, his parents settled in Santa Cruz County, where he was educated and resided until 1872, when he came to reside permanently in San Francisco. Soon after reaching his majority he entered upon the study of law, and was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of California on January 14, 1878. He has since practiced his profession with most uncommon success, except when called to serve the public in official capacities. He was elected a member of the lower House of the California Legislature in September, 1875, serving in the Session of 1875-76. In November, 1882, he was elected Judge of the Superior Court of San Francisco, serving in that office, with considerable distinction, for six years. He afterwards represented the Fourth District of California in Congress for three terms, commencing March 4, 1893, and ending March 4, 1899. He was the Democratic candidate for Governor of California in 1898, but was defeated by Mr. Henry T. Gage, the present Governor.



JAMES G. MAGUIRE, Past Grand

On August 21, 1877, he joined San Francisco Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F., of which he has ever since been an honored member. A few months later he joined Oriental Encampment No. 57, to which he still belongs. While passing through the Chairs in his Lodge, he served one year as a member of the Odd Fellows' General Relief Committee of San Francisco, being president of the committee during the last six months of his service. He was a representative to the Grand Lodge of California, almost continuously for twenty years, with the exception of one year, was a Grand Representative of the jurisdiction of California in the Sovereign Grand Lodge from 1888 to 1898, serving with credit and distinction.

Since his retirement from public life in March last he has resumed the active practice of his profession, with offices in the Parrott Building in this city.

# California Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F.

## SAN FRANCISCO.

ON the 9th day of September, 1849, by virtue of a dispensation granted by Horn R. Kneass, Grand Sire of the United States, to Deputy Grand Sire James Smiley, California Lodge was instituted. Its first quarters were of a very humble character, being in a two-story frame building near the corner of Jackson and Kearny streets. There were present upon this occasion about twenty-five members of the Order representing nearly every State in the Union. The following were elected its first officers: R. H. Taylor, Noble Grand; J. M. Coughlan, Vice Grand and Treasurer; E. C. Franklin, Secretary; having no books the minutes were kept on sheets of paper, and the first written records in existence are dated March 18, 1850. The furniture consisted of nail kegs, carpenters' tres-



JOHN G. WETMORE, Past Grand

John G. Wetmore became a member of California Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., March, 1885, held several offices during following years, and was elected Noble Grand in 1889, during which year California Lodge celebrated its fortieth anniversary. Brother Wetmore was appointed on the Souvenir Book Committee at the beginning, and has served continuously. When Brother Morrison became Chairman of this Committee he made this brother one of the Finance Committee, and his business ability was of service in passing upon all business contracts. A thorough man of business, bringing sound, practical ideas to bear on all questions, he is an important and valued member of the Order in any capacity.

tles and empty boxes, or any old thing that could be begged or borrowed from the neighbors. The room was lighted with candles purchased at \$14.85 per box.

After the discovery of gold, and prior to the establishment of any regular chartered Lodge in San Francisco, Sacramento, Stockton and many places in the

mines, Odd Fellows assembled in mass meetings and organized themselves to take care of the sick and help the distressed. Many of these organizations became the foundation of regular Lodges now in successful operation. It is said that in 1849 more than \$200,000 was spent by Odd Fellows in the State of California in charitable deeds, besides the time, which was money in those days. These things resulted in the establishment of California Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F. At this date and for a long time afterwards there was no regular system of dues and benefits. It was not unusual for it to cost a member \$5 or \$10 to attend a Lodge meeting, the calls, principally from strangers, were so numerous and constant, the Lodge having no funds on which to draw. The meeting of September 9, 1849, was an inaugural meeting. The next meeting was held September 23, 1849, when several brothers presented visiting cards. These were Brothers Adams, Casiari, Stowell, Gerry, Heller, Patten and Cousins. The Lodge had no books at this time, but Brother Smiley procured the needed ones from Brother Pardin, lately arrived from South America, who had been authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States to institute a Lodge at Caracas, but having failed to do so, and on arriving in San Francisco, he turned the books over to P. G. Smiley. The regalia with which the Lodge worked was procured through Col. Folsom from an officer at the Presidio. It was not ascertained how the regalia, which was complete, came into the officer's possession.

On October 1, 1849, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Odd Fellows' Association of Sacramento, and inform them of the existence of a regular organized Lodge of Odd Fellows at San Francisco. Three meetings were held in this room which was occupied about a month, the rental being \$250 per month.

On November 12, 1849, a removal was made to a frame building owned by Levi Stowell on Montgomery Street, on the east side between Jackson and Washington, where it occupied the garret in conjunction with California Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. And on the 19th day of the same month held its meeting, at which Brother David Jobson was elected Noble Grand; G. B. Harmon, Vice Grand; James Smiley, Treasurer, and Brother Wellman, Secretary. These officers did not hold their positions very long, for on the 31st of December, the last regular meeting of the year, the following brothers were elected and installed the same evening: Brother Coughlin, Noble Grand; Brother Franklin, Vice Grand; Brother Lent, Secretary, and Brother Smiley, Treasurer. This completed the records for the year 1849.

No regular meeting was held from January 14 to March 18, 1850, when on that date Brother Bella Wellman acted as Noble Grand and Brother William M. Lent as Secretary. May 18, 1850, Brother Wellman resigned and Brother Coughlin was again elected to fill the vacancy. In June of the same year, 1850, Col. J. D. Stevenson, well known to old Californians, built a three-story building on the east side of Kearny Street, between Pine and California streets. The ground floor being occupied as stores, the next floor by a Jewish society as a place of worship, the third floor by California Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., and California Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, jointly.

This was their abiding place until burnt out by the great fire of 1850, when they were forced to move to the brick building known as the Gianella Building on the east side of Montgomery Street, between Washington and Jackson, where they remained until April 26, 1859, the anniversary of the Order. When the Lodge removed to the more commodious quarters on the northeast corner of

Bush and Kearny streets. Subsequently moving into Odd Fellows' Hall December 1, 1865, situated on the west side of Montgomery, between Pine and California streets, and from thence to Odd Fellows' Building, corner of Market and Seventh streets, on the 1st day of December, 1884.

At the earliest history of California Lodge it had no funds or property, but had accumulated a little money in 1853. The first by-laws of the Lodge were adopted November 25, 1850, in which it is stated that the initiation fee was \$50; dues \$10 per quarter in advance, and no benefits were to be paid to a brother who was able to pay his own expenses. On March 18, 1850, the Secretary was instructed to notify the Deputy Grand Sire of the surrender of the dispensation under which the Lodge was working petition for a charter, and at the same meeting D. D. G. S. Smiley informed the Lodge that he had a complete set of regalia for a working Lodge he was willing to dispose of for cost and freight, which was thankfully accepted.

At this meeting a committee was appointed to wait upon the Common Council for the purpose of selecting a suitable place for a cemetery, but not until the year 1851, did the Lodge procure a piece of ground for that purpose. At a regular meeting held July 21, 1851, Samuel Brannan, Noble Grand of the Lodge, offered to donate a plot of ground for that purpose, which was accepted with thanks. This plot of land which has never been used for burial purpose is situated on the south side of Mission street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, and is a source of revenue to all the Odd Fellow Lodges of San Francisco.

On June 3, 1850, a communication was received from Hospitalla Lodge No. 295, of the City of New York, accompanied by a seal which was presented to the Lodge by them, and to which a letter of thanks was returned. Up to this time the Lodge owned no property, and had but one initiation. Their meetings were chiefly directed to the cause of charity, passing around the hat and arranging for the relief or burial of the sick brothers who had come under their care.

On August 9, 1852, the Lodge opened in the Degree of Rebekah. Again on the 18th of the same month another Rebekah meeting was held, and the fee charged for the degree was fixed at \$1. This comprises the earliest history of California No. 1, I. O. O. F., the mother of Odd Fellowship on the Pacific Coast. The charter was granted January 12, 1849, to the following persons: Samuel Torbert, Chs. Justis, F. M. Caldwell, G. H. Weaver, J. Willits and James Smiley. In the last fifty years, or at least in that portion of time of which we have any correct record from March 18, 1850, to June 30, 1899, the Lodge has admitted 1101 members, of whom many have passed away and joined their kindred dust; 171 remaining on the 30th day of June, 1899, to continue on the good work of the Lodge. The sum of \$143,600.82 has been paid for relief and charity.

#### NAMES OF MEMBERS:

Aaron, Joseph	Barrett, Charles	Dreypolcher, Frederick	Hanson, A. G.
Anderson, R. L., P. G.	Bash, John	Dallas, J. B.	Hartman, Henry
Alley, W. H.	Cove, Robt., P. G.	Dahlson, O. W.	Hanson, J. P., P. G.
Aldrich, J. L.	Cranford, F. H., P. G.	Elvert, Henry	Heckman, Herman
Benedict, C. E., P. G.	Currie, Robt., P. G.	Forrest, James, P. G.	Henriksen, B. E., P. G.
Benedict, J. S., P. G.	Cain, R. K.	Fulton, J. B.	Holmes, M. P., P. G.
Benedict, A. W., P. G.	Chesley, C. P.	Flanders, Thomas	Houghton, A. C.
Botstord, H. C., P. G.	Cohn, S. S.	Froudenthal, J. H.	Higham John
Boyd, C. M., P. G.	Casperson, A. P.	Ferns, William	Hanekamp, G. F.
Bulfinch, Henry, P. G.	Cohen, Aaron	Frasier, J. D.	Hanson, J. H.
Byington, H. W., P. G.	Coburn, J. W.	Frisk, K. A.	Itjen, Richard
Bacheider, F. J.	Clark, A. G., P. G.	Galloway, W. T., P. G.	Irvine, Nathaniel
Barrington, G. J.	Casperson, O. S.	Gates, Horace	Jackson, A. W.
Benson, George	Davis, James, P. G.	Grayson, A. H., P. G.	Johnson, O. H.
Butler, J. W.	Dugan, C. E., P. G.	Guinee, Cornelius	Jones, H. S., P. G.
Bishop, J. H.	Daywalt, G. W., P. G.	Gunnison, R. C.	Kilby, H. M.
Burr M. G.	Davis, J. A. J.	Goodfriend, Isidor	Leek, Christopher



Lennox, Jarvis  
Liddle, Robert  
Little, W. T.  
Lane, W. E., P. G.  
Lieb, A. H.  
Leach, John  
Luke, Henry, P. G.  
Lossman, Lobb  
Libby, W. T.  
Laherty, T. F.  
McLean, R. A.  
McNeill, John, Jr., P. G.  
McNeill, Henry  
McNeill, James  
McHenry, J. A.  
Mann, T. R., P. G.  
Martens, Domingo  
Martenstein, John  
Mead, B. F.  
Myers, J. G.  
Markell, R. C.  
Morss, G. A.  
Moorman, J. C.  
Millett, P. J., G. P.  
Moren, G. G., P. G.  
Morris, W. H.

Newman, J. T., P. G.  
Nicolaysen, F. N.  
Nygard, A. G.  
Nichols, P. H.  
Nogren, George  
O'Neill, M. W.  
Overton, C. P.  
Parent, C. L., P. G.  
Peterson, Peter  
Pysor, Henry  
Phillips, George  
Peterson, A. T.  
Pritchard, T. J.  
Pearce, J. H.  
Peterson, L. N.  
Pagel, William  
Price, James  
Post, C. E., P. G.  
Pages, Jose  
Quigley, G. F., P. G.  
Kistow, John  
Robinson, William, P. G.  
Roberts, J. W.  
Raisch, Godfried  
Ross, D. A.  
Ross, David

Ratto, Charles  
Ralston, J. A.  
Rechenmacher, Fred.  
Raymond, E. E.  
Riley, W. C., P. G.  
Schuldt, Herman  
Schuman, Fred.  
Scott, A. W., P. G.  
Spencer, J. D., P. G.  
Sweeney, T. U., P. G.  
Schoning, Otto  
Stott, John, P. G.  
Schmaltz, P. A. F.  
Seaberg, E. A.  
Sommer, J. H.  
Sroufe, John  
Stromberg, A. E.  
Sanford, W. L., P. G.  
Steele, D. L., P. G.  
Sims, Stephen  
Scott, A. W., Jr., P. G.  
Steffins, J. G.  
Smith, C. E.  
Schumaker, A. P.  
Taylor, Truman  
Turk, Henry

True, A. T., P. G.  
Tikjob, Peter  
Todd, H. L.  
Trotter, William  
Van Orden, D. T., P. G.  
Watt, Alexander  
Wentworth, J. J.  
Wigmore, James  
Winter, J. W., P. G.  
Wood, Harris  
Winfrey, I. H.  
Whyte, M. C., P. G.  
Woods, Thomas  
Wetmore, J. G., P. G.  
Wren, V. E. A.  
Weimore, R. H., P. G.  
Watson, W. D.  
Winther, A. M.  
Woodley, William  
Williams, A. W., P. G.  
Worden, W. H.  
Young, J. H.  
Zerr, Jacques

## Capitol Lodge No. 87, I. O. O. F.

Capitol Lodge No. 87, I. O. O. F., Sacramento, presents an interesting record during the forty years of its existence. It was instituted in 1859. It has proven to be one of the most successful working Lodges in the jurisdiction. It has furnished five Grand Masters and a Grand Sire for the Order, as, also, other grand officers. Its history, membership and statistics herewith presented, exhibit facts and figures which proclaim for this Lodge a prominent place in the rank of subordinates of this grand jurisdiction.

### CHARTER MEMBERS:

*Basler, George A.	*Hueston, Hamilton M., P. G. M.	*McClintock, John W.	*Woods, Amos
*Bowstead, James, P. G.	*Krauth, Frederick K. Mason, Charles M.	*Shuek, J. Lewis Stearne, Charles B.	
*Byrne, Thomas B., P. G.		*White, Edward F.	(*Deceased.)
Estee, Morris M.			

Of the several Past Grand Masters from Capitol Lodge No. 87, Brother Ezra Pearson is the only surviving member. The deceased brothers are: Hamilton M. Hueston, William H. Hill, Charles S. Haswell and John B. Harmon. The latter brother was Past Grand Sire in 1878.

The Grand Officers who instituted Capitol Lodge, on June 10, 1859, were: Grand Master, Lewis L. Alexander; R. W. D. G. Master, John F. Morse; R. W. G. Warden, Walton C. Felch; R. W. G. Secretary, Prescott Robinson; R. W. G. Treasurer, George I. N. Monell; W. G. Chaplain, David Meeker; W. G. Marshal, Charles C. Hayden; W. G. Conductor, David Kendall; W. G. Guardian, George H. Mixer; W. G. Herald, George Nelson; D. D. G. Master, Samuel Cross; Seated at L. of G. M., Wm. H. Watson; Past Grand's Chair, Robert Robinson.

### FIRST OFFICERS:

Hueston, Hamilton M., P. G. M.	McClintock, John, Rec. Sec.	Estee, Morris M., Warden
Bowstead, James, P. G.	Woods, Amos, Treas.	Stearne, Charles B., Conductor
Byrne, Thomas B., P. G.	Hueston, Hamilton M., R. S. N. G.	McGinnis, Christopher, O. G.
White, Edward F., N. G.	Krauth, Frederick K., L. S. N. G.	Basler, George A., I. G.
Mason, Charles M., V. G.	Byrne, Thomas B., R. S. V. G.	Shuek, J. Lewis, Chaplain

Statistics taken September, 1899, show the total membership admitted since organization, 927; withdrawn, suspended, etc., 620; amount of money received since organization, \$215,557.90; amount of money paid for relief and charity since organization, \$119,230.95.



B. E. HENRIKSEN

B. E. Henriksen, the subject of this sketch, was born in San Francisco April 19, 1851. He joined California Lodge No. 1 on June 22, 1872, shortly after attaining his majority, and after filling the various appointed offices, passed through the Chairs, attaining the position of Past Grand. Besides being one of the first persons born in San Francisco of white parents, he claims the unique and distinguished honor of being the first native born citizen of California to join the Order and pass through the Chairs.

As Brother Henriksen has continued his membership and is still in good standing in California Lodge, he may justly claim the further honor of being the oldest native born Veteran Odd Fellow after a continued membership of twenty-seven years.



J. H. SIMPSON, Past Grand Master

Brother Simpson is a native of San Francisco, where he was born January 23, 1856. His education was received in the public schools, and he graduated from the old Spring Valley Grammar School in 1871. For upwards of twenty years he was connected with the San Francisco Evening *Bulletin* in various capacities. It was in that office he learned the printing trade. He was initiated into Odd Fellowship in San Francisco Lodge No. 3 April 18, 1884. After serving as Conductor, Recording Secretary and Vice Grand, he was elected Noble Grand for the term beginning January 1, 1886. He held the office of Degree Master of Excelsior Degree Lodge No. 2 from July 1st to December 31st, 1886, after serving two terms as Conductor. In 1887 he was sent by his Lodge as a representative to the Grand Lodge, and has been an active member ever since. He served two terms as Chairman of

the Committee of Correspondence. In 1889 he was appointed by Grand Master Jenkins as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1. He was elected Grand Warden in 1892, Deputy Grand Master in 1893, and Grand Master in 1894, serving in that office until May, 1895. Before the close of his term he had the honor of instituting the Rebekah Assembly of California. In 1894 he was Treasurer of Odd Fellows' Midwinter Fair Celebration Committee. He also served several terms as President of the Odd Fellows' Literary and Social Club of San Francisco. He became a member of Oriental Rebekah Lodge No. 90 early in its history. In 1896 he and his wife helped to organize Loyal Rebekah Lodge No. 215, which was instituted May 11th of that year. He represented San Francisco Lodge No. 3 in the Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association for two years. Was a member of the convention which reorganized the General Relief Committee of San Francisco, and was President of the first Odd Fellows' Christmas Cheer Committee.



WILLIAM A. DEANE

William A. Deane was born in San Francisco, California, in 1861, and now occupies the position of President of Stanford Parlor, N. S. G. W., and is County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco. There are few young men of California who combine all the elements of business ability and popularity found in the subject of this sketch. As a presiding officer his associates credit him with unusual quickness of perception and absolute fairness. The office of Clerk now occupied by him calls for first-class ability, and he has thus far filled it with credit to himself and to the complete satisfaction of all doing business with him.



P. L. VUCANOVICH

Brother P. L. Vucanovich was initiated into Mt. Davidson Lodge No. 8 at Virginia, Nev. In 1886 he took a withdrawal card from this Lodge and deposited the same with Parker Lodge No. 124 of San Francisco, Cal.

Business engagements prevent Bro. Vucanovich from regularly attending his Lodge, but he never fails to uphold the banner of our Order, and, as opportunity offers, he tries to impress upon its members the sublime lessons of its ritual.

# San Francisco Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F.

ON the 5th day of July, 1851, the following named brothers, Jesse Boring, Philo White, J. Joseph, E. Hudson, R. O. Studevart, M. S. Buckelew and G. E. Hunt petitioned the then acting D. D. Grand Sire, James Smiley, for a dispensation to establish a Lodge of the I. O. O. F. in the City of San Francisco, to be known as San Francisco Lodge No. 3.



ALEXANDER JACOBI,  
Junior Past Grand.

J. J. REGAN,  
Noble Grand.

SYLVESTER SAYWELL,  
Vice Grand.

SAMUEL B. HUFFMAN,  
Recording Secretary.

E. EDWARDS,  
Treasurer.

FRED W. WARREN,  
Financial Secretary.

The petitioners were called together on the above date, and the Lodge instituted, making it the third Lodge instituted in the State of California. Seven brothers being present, who, although not properly, duly declared it a regularly organized Lodge. Although without a dispensation, or documents of any kind, they were set to work to carry out the principles of the Order, and well they have fulfilled their task. At the first regular meeting the following named brothers were elected to fill the various offices for the first term: Jesse Boring, N. G.; Philo White, V. G.; J. Joseph, Secretary; E. Hudson, Treasurer; R. O. Studevart, Recording Secretary; S. H. Parker, P. G. With this staff of officers, San Francisco Lodge No. 3, started on its career in the noble work of Odd Fellowship, and to the present day is successfully demonstrating the grand principles of our Order, caring for the sick and distressed, the widows and the orphans, and extending the hand of fraternity to needy brothers.

In exemplifying these principles it has expended, in its 48 years of existence, the sum of \$135,392.87, and stands to-day prepared to fulfill all obligations to its members. It fell to the lot of San Francisco Lodge No. 3 to have the honor



of having one of its members, Samuel H. Parker, elected as the first Grand Master of California, as was likewise the first Grand Secretary, T. Rodgers Johnson, a member of this Lodge.

Of the other members of San Francisco Lodge who filled the honorable station of Grand Master of the State of California, J. A. McClelland, served in 1864-65 and J. H. Simpson in 1894-95. Brother James G. Maguire, P. G. R., served as Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for ten years.

The charter members were the following named brothers: Rev. Jesse Boring, Philo White, J. Joseph, E. Hudson, R. O. Studevart, M. S. Buckelew and G. E. Hunt

#### LIST OF MEMBERS :

##### PAST GRANDS.

Barker, Timothy L., P. G.	Jacobi, Alexander, P. G.	McDougall, Barnett, P. G.	Stevens, Martin, P. G.
Black, Alfred P., P. G.	Jacobs, Saul Robert, P. G.	McDonald, Albert R., P. G.	Terkelson, John N., P. G.
Chase, James Brown, P. G.	Joyce, Willis B., P. G.	Maack, Henry Jacob, P. G.	Turkington, William, P. G.
Carusi, Samuel P., P. G.	Jennings, F. A., P. G.	Meyers, Robert C., P. G.	Thyarks, George, P. G.
Casto, William S., P. G.	Kammerer, Chas. G., P. G.	Pennell, Charles C., P. G.	Van Praag, Samuel, P. G.
Davis, William, P. G.	Lilienthal, Herman, P. G.	Petersen, Siebert, P. G.	Warren, F. W., P. G.
Hutchinson, David, P. G.	Lafaix, Felix, P. G.	Peterson, Ewald, P. G.	Wilson, Henry Adam, P. G.
Heenan, Edward J., P. G.	Maguire, James G., P. G. R.	Platner, Charles, P. G.	Walcom, George, P. G.
Hetty, Louis B., P. G.	Maguire, Edward H., P. G.	Simpson, John H., P. G. M.	Wedemeyer, B. H., P. G.

##### THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS.

Allen, John Wm Everett	Green, Arthur Frederick	Lustig, Daniel David	Smith, Fred Shipley
Apted, Walter	Gardiner, J. W.	Locks, Joseph Samuel	Smith, Thomas Henry
Bruce, James Henderson	Hoffacker, Bernard J.	Laeaze, Louis	Schwartz, Michael
Bosworth, Henry Martin	Hamilton, John	McKenna, Patrick Henry	Shafer, Deville M.
Bird, Harry	Hull, Benjamin J.	Merganstern, Samuel	Saywell, Sylvester
Brophy, John Henry	Harvey, Miles M.	Miller, George W.	Steinmetz, August
Buchanan, Robert John	Haskins, Charles A.	Martell, John	Swenson, John August
Connor, John Irvine	Hodgkins, John Henry	Montedonio, Antonio	Severance, Asa Albion
Cohnr, Edward	Heywoods, Henry M.	May, John	Spateholtz, Lester Bates
Cook, William	Hollman, Frederick Wm.	Merritt, Ambrose	Schnipper, Hans Harrold
Case, George Albert	Hegeman, Fred Melme	Mills, Luther	Thomasen, Edwin R.
Coggin, Issac Clinton	Hansen, Christian	McAdam, Edward	Thomas, Charles Erastus
Cardoza, John	Holtz, Augustus Herman	Meyers, Henry Lewis	Tourney, Jules
Correy, Andrew	Huffman, Samuel B.	Morgan, William John	Tippetts, George Fred
Dye, William McLean	Hagan, William	Neisser, Edward	Triguero, Filmero P.
Dieterich, Christian	Harris, Robert J.	Pearson, John Kimball	Ulberg, Henry Ott
Dusenbery, Hiram Eugene	Ing, Andrew D.	Pages, Jules Francis	Valerga, Dominic
Edwards, Edward	Jensen, Pedar	Parker, Edward Fulton	Williams, Durham K
Enos, John	Jackson, John Farren	Reagan, John	Wilson, William More
Evans, Thomas Francis	Johnson, Frank	Rochebrune, Alfred	Wright, George W.
Folly, James	Kelsey, James T.	Regan, John Joseph	Wackford, Thomas
Freitas, John Antoine	Kempton, Melborn P.	Rosenblum, Joseph	Wilson, Frederic
Flmbreath, Arthur F.	Knaudsen, Julius Albert	Roberts, Alfred Edward	Walker, George C.
Fisher, Soren Petersen	Lando, Joseph	Richt, Victor Henry	Wilcox, William Darnes
Fehl, John	Lee, Frank	Randolph, Frank Warren	Yoblonsky, John

## Grass Valley Lodge No. 12, I. O. O. F.

GRASS VALLEY LODGE No. 12, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Grass Valley, Nevada County, on the 23d day of July, 1853, by T. Rodgers Johnson, the R. W. Grand Secretary, with ten charter members: John S. Lambert, C. R. Edwards, B. H. Farrell, L. B. Austin, Wm. Bennett, E. McLaughlin, Thomas Beatty, Jonas Winchester, C. C. Cook, John Tangué.

Of these ten pioneer members none retained membership longer than October, 1860, when C. R. Edwards withdrew. E. M. McLaughlin is the only one whose whereabouts is now known; he is a banker in San Jose.

This was the fourth Lodge instituted in the mining regions of our State, and being located in the city and county that has produced, and is still producing, more gold than any other county of our State, has been universally prosperous. The membership has been from its institution largely composed of the sturdy miners that have made Nevada County famous. Since the institution of



the Lodge to June 30, 1899, 309 members were initiated; 163 joined by deposit of card, making a total of 472; of these there have been suspended, 101; expelled, 3; withdrew, 154; deceased, 44. The present membership is 170.

The largest number initiated in one year was in 1872 when fifteen joined the Lodge. The largest number in one term joined in the term ending June 30, 1870, when twelve were initiated. During the term ending December 31, 1869, twenty-three members withdrew and formed Golden Star Lodge No. 165. In the year 1896 the Lodge reached high water mark in its membership, there being one hundred and eighty-eight members on its roll. In the forty-six years of its existence Grass Valley Lodge has paid out for sick and funeral benefits, donations and nurse fees the sum of \$64,483; in Lodge expenses \$52,907. Total \$117,390. The largest amount paid to one brother being over \$4,600; five other brothers received between \$2,000 and \$3,000 each.



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It has in property a half interest in one of the handsomest Lodge rooms in the State, with two stores beneath located in the heart of the business portion of the City of Grass Valley, which with other real estate and building, securities and money on hand have a total cash valuation of over \$14,000.

From among the brothers who at one time held membership or now do so in this Lodge, who have held exalted positions in the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this State we note the names of T. R. Kibbe, Grand Master in 1861-62; E. W. Roberts, Grand Patriarch in 1869-70; I. W. Hays, Grand Patriarch in 1877-78; John Glasson, Grand Master in 1890-91; R. D. Gummoe, now Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment. The two first-mentioned have passed away. I. W. Hays is now a member of Golden Star Lodge No. 165 in the same city. The last two are still active in Lodge work.

The present officers of the Lodge are:

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Gill, Wm.	Luke, Josiah	Relley, John W., P. G.	

## Yerba Buena Lodge No. 15, I. O. O. F.

## SAN FRANCISCO.

UPON the hills along the Coast and in the vicinity of San Francisco Bay is to be found a small trailing vine. It is aromatic and pleasant to the taste. The early Spaniards called it Yerba Buena (good or sweet herb). From this vine the historic little cove, which lay under the lee of Telegraph Hill, received its name. In the waters of Yerba Buena Cove ships found safe anchorage. The town which grew up along the shore and on the hillside was called Yerba Buena until the official ordinance of January 30, 1847, issued by the first American Alcalde Washington Bartlett (afterwards a member of Yerba Buena Lodge) changed the name to San Francisco.

On July 7, 1853, Yerba Buena Lodge No. 15 was instituted by Grand Master S. H. Parker, who in his report to the Grand Lodge, the following year said, "this Lodge has made rapid progress and now numbers nearly one hundred members." On December 31, 1861, it had 206 members, and was the largest Lodge in the State; which position it has never lost notwithstanding the swarming in 1869 to form Pacific Lodge No. 155.

During its life of 46 years, 1,486 Odd Fellows have enrolled themselves as members, 1,066 being admitted by initiation. From this splendid gathering have

come some of the best workers Odd Fellowship has ever seen. Among them are to be found the names of six Past Grand Masters, viz: H. M. Heuston, L. L. Alexander, J. A. J. Bowen, F. P. Dann, Davis Louderback and R. H. Lloyd.

H. M. Heuston was a charter member of Yerba Buena. He went to the mines in 1854. Was elected Grand Master from Yerba Buena Lodge No. 5 in 1856. Rejoined Yerba Buena permanently November 6, 1862. Died May 26, 1892.

L. L. Alexander was a charter member of Sonora Lodge No. 10, from which Lodge he was elected Grand Master in 1859. He joined Yerba Buena October 4, 1860, since which time he has represented Yerba Buena almost continuously in the Grand Lodge.



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J. A. J. Bohlen was admitted by initiation September 22, 1853. Installed Noble Grand January, 1856. Elected Grand Master May, 1862. Died May 25, 1867; aged 38 years.

F. P. Dann admitted by card June 20, 1861. Installed Noble Grand July, 1868. Elected Grand Master 1877. Died September 27, 1884.

Davis Louderback admitted by initiation September 12, 1861. Installed Noble Grand January, 1864. Elected Grand Master 1881.

R. H. Lloyd admitted by initiation April 16, 1874. Installed Noble Grand July, 1876. Elected Grand Master 1888.

Messrs. Alexander, Louderback and Lloyd form a continuous delegation to the Grand Lodge of which Yerba Buena is justly proud.

Among those who in the first years of the Lodge's existence assisted in building it up, giving direction to its forces and establishing its character, but who have since passed over with the great majority, we wish to mention Daniel Norcross,



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We wish at this time to record our remembrance and appreciation of Bro. Jno. Davidson, who died April 11, 1862, bequeathing \$1,000 to the Lodge and \$500 to the library.

We also desire to mention the name of Jno. S. Reed, P. G., who for 43 years has been a constant Lodge attendant; has filled some office continuously since the very night of his admission, and for 36 years has been and still is one of the Lodge's representatives in the Hall Association.

With the growth in members came also a constantly increasing treasury and the spirit to assist with a liberal hand. Among the first things noticed is a thoughtful consideration of other Lodges; with donations and subscriptions to stock of various Hall Associations. On January 1, 1859, \$50 was subscribed to the New Orleans Odd Fellows' Hall. We still have the stock although everything it represented was destroyed during the Civil war. Investment in half a dozen other Hall Associations, however, turned out more favorably. On September 4, 1862, a donation of \$30 was made to Washington Lodge, No. 40, whose all had been destroyed by fire. This was the beginning of a list of donations made necessary by the same cause, not the least of which being the destruction of Virginia City, Nevada, in 1875.

Upon the institution of the Lodge, regalia and hall fixtures were needed. To meet the necessity a subscription list was passed around and \$245 raised. With this experience in mind Apollo, Parker and other Lodges were remembered at the time of their institution.

After the Civil War Odd Fellows throughout the entire North reached out a sympathetic and helping hand to their Southern brethren. In 1867 the Grand Master of California issued a circular letter, in part as follows: "Our brethren at the South, not by their voices or with tones of lamentation, but by their silent sufferings appeal to us for assistance. Their altars have been broken down, their Lodge rooms have been made desolate, * * * while the widow and the orphan cry to them for bread. * * * Let us join with our brethren at the North in showing mercy." In response to this appeal Yerba Buena gave \$250, beside individual donations to Lodges in South Carolina and Georgia.

For an interesting sketch showing the feelings of friendliness and gratitude of Southern brethren towards their Northern brethren see report of P. G. R. Columbus Bartlett (of Yerba Buena) in Grand Lodge Journal 1867.

The united action of the Lodges, with division of expenses, has been a beautiful feature in the past. The memorial services held after the death of Thomas Wildey, the founder of Odd Fellowship in America, in 1861, was a union affair. Yerba Buena's share of the expense being \$172.80.

Its portion of the expense of the funeral of Past Grand Master Parker in 1866 was \$171.84, while its donation to the Parker monument was \$700; being \$500 from the Lodge funds and \$200 from the members.

Upon the death of its own favorite son Past Grand Master J. A. J. Bohen, who now lies by the side of Parker beneath that beautiful monument in Odd Fellows' Cemetery, May 25, 1867, it expended \$1,150 besides the \$250 donated by Golden Gate Encampment No. 1 of which Bohen was a member. And also paid \$150 for a bust of Bohen to be set in the Lodge room.

In 1869-70 we find donations to help defray the expenses of the convention, having under consideration the founding of a college and home. The college project was abandoned, but discussion upon the subject of a home never ceased, and has at last fruited in the beautiful Home at Thermalito and the Orphanage at Gilroy. To both of which Yerba Buena has had the pleasure of contributing its share. Wishing to have a distinctive Odd Fellows' Cemetery, on August 23, 1865, Yerba Buena purchased a piece of land (quoting from the report of the committee) "on the western slope of Lone Mountain, on the south side of Point Lobos road, and known upon the official map as the Williams' tract, containing 25 86-100 acres, for \$300 per acre or a total of \$7,758. Being purchased for a cemetery and not for speculation, and being too large for one Lodge, it was soon divided among other Lodges. Subsequently it was incorporated under the State law and opened to the public, but it will always be known as the Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

The minutes of July 6, 1865, disclose the following interesting bit of Lodge history: Hon. Schuyler Colfax, P. G. R., accompanied by S. H. Parker, P. G. M.; J. F. Morse, P. G. M.; J. W. Dwinelle, P. G. R.; Geo. T. Bohlen, P. G. R., and others were announced in waiting in the anteroom. After entering, Colfax was seated on the right and Dwinelle on the left of the Noble Grand. About Ben Adhem Lodge No. 112 was announced in waiting, and entered in a body. We quote the minutes: "P. G. M. Parker in a few pithy and eloquent remarks introduced our distinguished brother, P. G. R. Schuyler Colfax. He was received by the brothers with great enthusiasm. He entertained the Lodge with a speech which for pathos, beauty and eloquence it has rarely if ever been the privilege of those present to hear."

Expenditures for celebrations have at times been almost prodigal. At the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America on April 26, 1869, Yerba Buena renewed its regalia at a cost of \$600, besides paying its share of the celebration expenses. The Lodge's 18th anniversary was celebrated July 7, 1871, at an expense of \$300. In celebrating its 25th anniversary on July 7, 1878, over \$900 was raised by subscription. It must have been a magnificent affair, for it is still green in the memory of its participants.

The laying of the corner stone of the Odd Fellows' Hall in San Francisco on May 14, 1884, was an event long to be remembered. Yerba Buena's share of the expense was \$514, besides \$200 for renewing and brightening up the regalia.

At the celebration of its 40th anniversary July 7, 1893, over \$600 was raised by subscription, and the record maintained. What will be done at the 50th anniversary in 1903 remains to be seen, but it is safe to predict the date will not be overlooked.

In anticipation of the completion of the Trans-Continental Railway, California invited the Sovereign Grand Lodge to hold its annual meeting in 1869 in San Francisco, agreeing to pay all mileage west of Omaha. For complete history of this transaction see report of P. G. R. A. J. Gunnison, of Yerba Buena, in Journal Grand Lodge 1869. Delegates with families and friends came from all parts of the United States and Canada. Yerba Buena gave \$3,000, but owing to the liberality of the railway and the citizens of San Francisco only one-half that amount was used, the balance being returned.

The question of jurisdiction, between the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges in Australia, having reached a crisis in 1877-78, D. D. Grand Sire

J. B. Harmon was instructed to proceed from San Francisco to Australia to establish a better understanding. The money appropriated for the purpose was found to be insufficient; delay was dangerous; \$750 more was needed. In the emergency on April 11, 1878, Yerba Buena advanced one-half the amount, other Lodges supplying the balance. This money was eventually returned by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Yerba Buena has responded with a liberal hand in times of public calamity. On October 10, 1871, the Grand Master issued a circular letter to all Lodges saying in part: "When one member of the family suffers, all suffer, and the strong should always help the weak. You have read and heard the sickening details of



FRANK D. WORTH, Chairman of the Parade Committee

Past Grand Frank D. Worth was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1856; came to California, via Panama with his parents, arriving at San Francisco, California, in April, 1859, and has resided here ever since. In 1870 he began an apprenticeship and learned the upholstering and decorating trade, and for 15 years he was established in that business in the vicinity of Polk and Sutter streets. Past Grand Worth was initiated into Yerba Buena Lodge No. 15, on March 22, 1888. He at once became actively and prominently identified with the Order, passing through all the Chairs of the Lodge of which he was a member, served for one year with Relief Committee, was elected a representative to the Grand Lodge in 1890, and has been annually elected to the same position ever since that time. As a member of the Grand Lodge he has served on the Committee on Laws of the Subordinate and Mileage Committees. Since passing through the Chairs of his Lodge he has served as Treasurer, and for a number of years he served as Trustee of the Lodge. As soon as he became eligible, which was in 1893, he was appointed District Deputy of District No. 1, of San Francisco. During his term as District Deputy he conducted a series of District Meetings in District No. 1, which accomplished so much good that Grand Master Thompson in his report to the Grand Lodge in 1894 mentioned in commendable words the result of these meetings. During the Jubilee Celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Odd Fellowship, held during the week of April 23d to April 28, 1894, at the Midwinter Fair in San Francisco, he served as a member of the Executive Committee, Chairman of the Decoration Committee, Chairman of the Special Committee on Concessions, and through his untiring efforts as a member of the last-named committee a reduction in the price of admission was obtained for Odd Fellows on that memorable occasion. Past Grand Worth is at present a member of the Executive Committee, and Chairman of the Parade Committee of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the I. O. O. F., to be held in San Francisco October 18, 19, 20, 1899.

the recent terrible fires in the City of Chicago. * * * If you cannot give hundreds, nor even tens of dollars, give one, give your dimes if you have no more. What you do do quickly." On October 12, 1871, Yerba Buena forwarded \$1000

by telegraph. On April 22, 1875, we find a donation made in response to the appeal of the Grand Master of Kansas on behalf of that unfortunate grasshopper ridden State. Again on September 5, 1878, when the yellow fever was raging through the South, one hundred dollars was sent to each of the cities of Nashville, Memphis and Vicksburg. Again on June 6, 1889, a donation to the relief fund of those whose homes had been destroyed by the bursting of the reservoir at Johnstown, Pa. But all of these expenditures are insignificant when compared with the internal work between the members, the details of which can never be uncovered to public gaze. One brother having received over \$10,000, being in the hands of the visiting committee since January, 1874.

It has paid for sick benefits.....	\$202,048.00
To the relief of needy brothers, widows, orphans and general charity.....	32,920.00
For burying the dead.....	24,729.00
To the Odd Fellows' Library.....	12,264.00
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Total .....	\$271,961.00

Its present membership is 365. Its assets are valued at about \$47,000. Its one great financial loss was when the people of San Francisco repudiated their obligation to pay for the construction of Montgomery Avenue. Yerba Buena lost \$12,000 which had been invested in the bonds.

The community at large has no adequate appreciation of the mighty influence of Odd Fellowship in its midst, or what would have been the condition of affairs had these Lodges never existed.

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# CHARLES LEWIS PATTON

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We are unable to furnish any personal data about Brother Patton, as he declined to give any. He is so well known, however, we let his letter speak for him.



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GEORGE H. MORRISON, P. G. M., I. O. O. F.,  
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October 6, 1899.

*Dear Sir and Brother:* Sometime since I received your letter which brought to my mind the general subject-matter of the Golden Jubilee the Odd Fellows are now preparing for and commemorative of the planting of the fraternal seed from an Odd Fellow's point of view in California fifty years ago.

I am interested in the subject, and now remember that some gentleman called on me several months ago and tried to interest me, but the manner in which he presented the subject had no charms for me, and I therefore declined to have anything to do with it. Your letter runs on different lines; and it gives me pleasure to show my appreciation of Odd Fellowship during the last fifty years, and, while there is nothing that your Committee can do for me, yet I take pleasure in asking that you accept my check, which is herewith inclosed, for \$25.

Hoping that this may be of service in aiding the good work, and with compliments to each member engaged in preparing for the Jubilee, and with great personal respect, I have the honor

Fraternally yours,

*Chas L Patton*

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Jesse, George Robert  
Johnson, Lewis William  
Jones, Pierce  
Jones, John T.  
Jorgensen, Hans Christian  
Kampe, Frederick William  
Kennard, Thomas Wesley  
Keyser, Paul  
Keystone, William Donald  
Kiernan, Phillip  
Kimball, Proctor William  
Knibbs, J. D.  
Knop, Elfert  
Lacey, Robert James  
Larsen, Henry B.  
Lawrence, Daniel M.
- Leibert, John Grant  
Levitsky, David  
Libbing, Henry Herman  
Lile, Francis M.  
Linstrom, John F.  
Liichfield, Joseph Miller  
Lloyd, Reuben Hedley, P. G. M.  
Longley, George Washington, P. G.  
Louderback, Davis, P. G. M.  
Louderback, Lewis Cass, P. G.  
Lyman, Charles  
Martin, T. C.  
Matherson, W. A.  
Martin, Christian Soberg  
Martin, James Ross  
McCall, William  
McClure, Peter Laughlin  
McCormick, James  
McCord, Mark L.  
McKee, Chas. H.  
McKeoion, John  
McMurray, James Dowey  
McPhun, William, P. G.  
McCredy, Thomas Henry  
Mefrel, Xavier, P. G.  
Melendy, Hiram Bugby  
Menzel, Alexander Eugene  
Meredit, James Washington, P. G.  
Michaelis, Henry Fredrick  
Mickelson, Benjamin  
Milestone, William Hebdon  
Miller, Francis Asbury  
Millington, James  
Mills, David Josiah  
Mitchell, John Renton  
Monrad, Henry  
Monteverde, Florence E.  
Moon, Alfred B.  
Mooney, Frank Alfred  
Moore, John Henry  
Moron, Benjamin  
Morrison, Wm. W.  
Mosher, Gilbert Miller  
Murdock, George Leonard  
Nash, William Joseph  
Needham, James Benjamin  
Nelson, Rasmus  
Nelson, Sven Peter  
Nelson, P. Frederick  
Neunaber, Henry F., P. G.  
Newell, C. L.  
Nichols, Frederick Charles  
Northrup, Henry Christian  
Olsen, John A.  
Otto, John William  
Ott, Antone Frederick  
Paton, Charles James  
Paulsen, Rasmus
- Pendleton, Edwin Street  
Perham, Geo. L., P. G.  
Philbrick, Josiah Bailey  
Pitcher, J. C.  
Poole, Chas. Oscar  
Porcher, John  
Porter, Herbert C.  
Porteus, James  
Pratt, Jesse  
Purdy, Frederic  
Quick, John William  
Quinlin, William Giles  
Randall, Charles  
Raphael, Isaac  
Reed, John S., P. G.  
Reynolds, Abel L.  
Reynolds, Lewis Desolas  
Rich, Obadiah  
Rixon, A. W.  
Roberts, John M.  
Rock, Charles  
Rockwell, Frank  
Root, John William  
Rosewell, Walter Stephen  
Ross, James  
Ross, Thomas Alexander  
Kothganger, F. J.  
Rosland, Oscar  
Russell, George Washington, P. G.  
Russell, Francis R.  
Sampson, Harvey Washburn  
Schley, Daniel  
Schloen, John D.  
Schwerin, Jr., Edward, P. G.  
Secor, Herbert Frank  
Seitz, Chas. Augustus  
Short, George Richmond  
Simpson, William  
Skerrett, Ebenezer  
Smith, Robert Miller  
Smith, George Frederick  
Smithson, Frederick James, P. G.  
Snivley, David Stotler, P. G.  
Sparrow, Albert Ravey  
Spaulding, Andrew  
Spaulding, Fred. De Forest  
Spears, Elbert  
Spooner, Alden  
Sproni, Andrew  
Sresovich, Luke George  
Stahle, Charles August, P. G.  
Stearns, Victor Joseph  
Steffens, Dietrich  
Stein, Max  
Steller, Louis  
Stephens, Richard J.  
Stevens, Calvin Cowan
- Stille, Henry Gunn  
Stratton, Schuyler  
Studley, George Willard  
Swan, Jabez Smith  
Swan, Frederic  
Taber, Charles Wesley, P. G.  
Tank, Gustave Adolph  
Techau, Rudolph Jacob, P. G.  
Thomas, Frank Edward  
Thomsen, Henry Amos  
Thompson, Ira Dent, P. G.  
Thornburg, F. J.  
Tietjen, Bernard Henry  
Tiedemann, Claus  
Touningsen, John  
Totheroh, A. R.  
Treadwell, John  
Tum Suden, John H. N.  
Turville, Eli  
Twing, Frank Sumner  
Twing, Daniel Harrington  
Upton, Thomas Bennett, P. G.  
Venne, Joseph  
Vickery, Nathan Crosby  
Vorrath, Carl Christian  
Wakeman, Earnest H.  
Walton, Albert G.  
Walcom, William  
Watkins, John  
Watson, John Armor  
Wegner, F. W.  
Welch, Charles Warren  
Wellington, Benj. Franklin, P. G.  
Wenzelberger, C. W. A., P. G.  
Wheeland, Samuel  
White, Henry  
White, Peter  
White, Robert  
Wiget, Chas. E.  
Williams, A. G.  
Williams, Richard  
Williams, Rowin'd Salisbury  
Williamson, John Marshall  
Wilson, Frederick Green  
Wilson, Chas.  
Wisewell, Charles Arthur, P. G.  
Woodman, Peter Randall, P. G.  
Worth, Frank David, P. G.  
Yanke, Richard Louis  
Young, John  
Zollner, Wm. A.  
Zinnamon, Abraham

## Livermore Lodge No. 219, I. O. O. F.

### LIVERMORE.

LIVERMORE LODGE No. 219, I. O. O. F., was instituted May 23, 1873, by the Grand officers with the following charter members: James Bezell, P. G.; Peter Hinkley, P. G.; William Gibbons, P. G.; A. A. Overacker, Wm. H. Wright, John T. Campbell, J. H. Myers, R. W. Graham, Arthur St. Clair, Philip Waltenbaugh, Robert McGlashen, of which William Gibbons is the only one that remains in the Lodge, four having gone to the Grand Lodge above and the rest have dropped out. There has been during that time to the present, one hundred and seventy-five members initiated and taken in by card, of which we have at present 80 members, 31 being Past Grands. The total assets are \$11,380.02. The present officers are, Geo. E. Furbush, N. G.; Ed. Howard, V. G.; A. G. Beazel, Sec.; Geo. Beck, F. Sec.; Israel Horton, Treas.

# Templar Lodge No. 17, I. O. O. F., San Francisco.

TEMPLAR LODGE was instituted Wednesday, October 22, 1853, at Odd Fellows' Hall. Pursuant to call, the following petitioners were found present: John Anderson, Samuel Brannan, John M. Coughlin, J. F. Curtis, D. K. Darbyshire, P. B. Dexter, Wm. M. Eddy, Chas. Eigenbrodt, S. R. Gerry, John H. Gihon, George Mellus, Julius K. Rose, Solomon A. Sharp and John M. Woollen. After the usual preliminaries, Grand Master Samuel H. Parker installed the following officers: Noble Grand, C. S. Eigenbrodt; Vice Grand, S. A. Sharp; Recording Secretary, John Anderson; Treasurer, Samuel Brannan.

The early history of Templar Lodge is so closely identified with that of the Order in California, that to recite it here would be but a repetition. The membership, comprising many of the best citizens of San Francisco, men prominent



T. B. W. LELAND, R. S. N. G.

J. M. MCQUEEN, Noble Grand

J. M. MACDERMOTT, L. S. N. G.

D. A. HAGENS, Treasurer

C. F. O'NEIL, Secretary

in political, commercial and social life, was renowned for its wealth and liberality. These men gave generously for the advancement of the Order, and it is undoubtedly due to them, and others like them in the old Lodges, that Odd Fellowship in California has such a glorious past.

During the 46 years of its existence 1,034 men have been admitted to membership, a few of the most prominent being, Samuel H. Parker, J. L. Van Bokkelen and Jacob F. Miller, Past Grand Masters of California; E. D. Farnsworth, Past Grand Sire; A. B. Asher, Past Grand Patriarch. Other names not already mentioned are: Isaac Bluxome, W. C. Ralston, Judge Lorenzo Sawyer, Hon. Chas. A. Sumner, George J. Hobe, James D. Bailey, D. J. Staples, J. B. Hammond, Sheldon G. Kellogg, Loring Pickering, Chas. L. Taylor, 50 years a member of the Order; Chas. M. Mason and A. C. Hiester.

The sum of \$184,904 has been expended for relief and charity. This does not include the five years to 1858. The part taken by Templar Lodge in the



institution of the Order in Germany is so well known that a few items of interest will suffice for this sketch. On the minutes under date of April 20, 1870, is a letter from Grand Sire E. D. Farnsworth thanking the Lodge for a draft of \$1,200, to be devoted to the above-mentioned purpose. The Lodge also at other times presented to Württemberg Lodge No. 1 and to Templar Lodge No. 4 of Berlin various tokens of remembrance, receiving in return testimonials of their regard for this Lodge and its members. To a member of the Lodge, Frank B. Austin, is due a portion of the credit for the establishment of our Order in Germany. While not officially delegated, he yet at his own expense spent several years in the good work, and there is now in the possession of the Lodge letters and resolutions from German brethren, expressive of their great appreciation of his labors. He was also honored by the German Government with the Iron Cross, given only for special merit.

In 1869 when the representatives from this Coast were trying to induce the Grand Lodge of the United States to meet in San Francisco, one of the main objections offered was the great expense. This fact being telegraphed to California, the Grand Patriarch, in the absence of the Grand Master, at once replied guaranteeing free transportation from Omaha, and that same evening, the matter being brought to the attention of Templar Lodge, a resolution was at once passed agreeing to insure the expenses of the representatives in case they came to San Francisco, to the extent of \$10,000.

In the following September, when the Grand Lodge had assembled at Omaha, ready to take the train, the Union Pacific Railway Company insisted upon payment in advance. The difficulty was telegraphed to San Francisco, and the facts made known to Brother William C. Ralston, of the Bank of California, who was a member of Templar Lodge. After an explanation of the difficulty, and being told that the Odd Fellows of California had guaranteed the expenses, and his own Lodge had pledged \$10,000, he at once telegraphed Bro. Harmon authorizing him to draw upon the Bank of California for \$10,000, and that afternoon the special train left Omaha.

The present officers of the Lodge are: H. W. Quitzow, A. P. G.; John M. McQueen, Noble Grand; J. H. McKnight, Vice Grand; C. F. O'Neil, Secretary; D. A. Hagens, Treasurer; Chas. A. Sumner, Benonia Sarle and Chas. M. Mason, Trustees; B. Sarle, Warden; Wm. Rotrosky, Conductor; George Paton, Inside Guardian; Dr. Thos. B. Leland, R. S. N. G.; J. M. Maedermott, L. S. N. G.; J. J. Young, R. S. V. G.; W. G. Benn, L. S. V. G.; Guy Shoup, R. S. S.; Chas. A. Anderson, L. S. S.; C. F. A. Langermann, Drill Master.

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## Hanford Lodge No. 264, I. O. O. F.

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**H**ANFORD LODGE No. 264, I. O. O. F., was instituted on August 3, 1877. The charter members were the following named ten brothers: Jas. C. Goar, Solomon Shoenfeld, Frank E. Belden, B. B. Tinker, John Bruner, Jacob Manasse, A. B. Crowell, Otto Brandt, P. A. Kanawycr and Jas. M. Camp. Of the ten charter members, two retain their membership, Jas. M. Camp and P. A. Kanawycr. On July 12, 1887, the Lodge lost all of its records and furniture of Lodge room by fire, hence is unable to give any correct history of the Lodge. The Lodge meets on Saturday evening, except the first.



# Magnolia Lodge No. 29, I. O. O. F.

**M**AGNOLIA LODGE No. 29, I. O. O. F., was instituted on Wednesday evening, July 12, 1854, by Bro. Franklin Williams, P. G., officiating as Grand Warden, Philo White as G. S., John Q. Piper as G. T., H. M. Houston as G. M., and A. S. Iredale as G. G., with the following charter members: Martin White, F. A. Bonnard, Geo. C. Hickox, J. M. Merrill, A. W. Vigouren, B. C. Austin, Chas. S. Bicen, Geo. A. Warren, J. W. Van Zandt, Simon Davis, Jas. Pollock and



JOHN DEAS,  
Junior Past Grand.



C. J. REHN,  
Noble Grand.



JOHN ERICKSON,  
Vice Grand.



HERMANN STERN,  
Financial Secretary.



A. G. FORSBERG,  
Treasurer.



SAMUEL POLACK,  
Recording Secretary.



J. K. PHILLIPS,  
Trustee.



E. O. FLANDERS,  
Trustee.



NEILS IVERSON,  
Trustee.

John P. Atkinson. None of the above are at present members of the Lodge, having either changed their residence to other parts, or passed on to join the silent majority.

Bro. James K. Phillips, P. G., who is at present the oldest in membership in the Lodge, was initiated at its fourth meeting on August 9, 1854, and is still a regular attendant at Lodge meetings, taking an active interest in the work of

the Lodge and of the Order, as he has been doing "all these years," and hopes to continue for many years to come.

The membership of the Lodge has fluctuated, gradually increasing to over three hundred, but decreasing during the late years of hard times, and now again on the up grade with a membership of two hundred and thirty-six. During its forty-five years of existence the Lodge has paid out for sick benefits, \$57,729; for funeral benefits, \$13,847; for relief of widows and orphans, \$13,067; for donations, \$5,928, making a total of \$92,147, not including miscellaneous appropriations of many thousand of dollars for the benevolent work of the Order.

The membership of the Lodge can look back with satisfaction upon its record in carrying on the beneficent work of the Order, and with congratulation that its present condition augurs well for greater success in the future. To assist in carrying out its laudable work, it invites the co-operation of all who wish to im-



O. GUSTAFSON, Past Grand

prove and elevate the character of man. The Lodge has assets, \$1,500. The Financial Secretary has occupied his present position for twenty consecutive years.

#### LIST OF MEMBERS:

Adams, Herman	Catania, Jos., H. G.	Dizney, Wm., P. G.	Gudelj, George
Anderson, Andrew	Cohen, Sol.	Dunlap, Wm., P. G.	Gustafson, Carl H.
Abraham, Gabriel	Carroll, Jas.	Deas, John, P. G.	Gribble, Wm. A.
Anderson, Wm. H.	Cohen, Wm.	Dunn, John S.	Holzheiser, P.
Anderson, John	Cohen, Jos.	Duffy, John	Hill, C. C.
Anderson, Charles	Cressorglia, M.	Dedomenico, D.	Helms von, J.
Andrews, J. R.	Cohen, Phil., P. G.	Delucca, John	Hinrichs, Aug.
Auerbach, Alfred	Claussen, J. P.	Danilovich, L. B.	Hart, Phil., P. G.
Aronson, A.	Cohen, Jacob	Dabovich, G. V.	Harris, Herman
Adler, Wm.	Cohen, Sol.	Eiselen, Alfred	Holm, A. L.
Ahlgren, F.	Caro, Simon, P. G.	Eriekson, John	Hallin, C. P.
Anderson, Aron	Cohen, S. J.	Evans, Jas.	Hansen, J. Emil
Anderson, John A.	Callendar, H. A.	Engelbrekt, Louis	Hughes, John P.
Arimondo, Lorenzo	Chandler, R. O., P. G.	Eriekson, Chas. E.	Hedrick, Harvey F., P. G.
Brotherton, Robert	Cohen, Marks	Ellingson, M.	Hill, Charles
Burt, Samuel, P. G.	Costich, N.	Franklin, Jos.	Holen, Iver
Blaekman, Wm. H.	Carroll, M.	Fishbeek, J. R., P. G.	Isaacs, Morris, P. G.
Birkholm, H. H.	Canepa, L. A.	Fishbeek, H.	Isaacs, Harris
Baeigalupi, A. L.	Christensen, Herman	Feig, Benj.	Iverson, Neils, P. G.
Bird, Ed.	Cohen, David	Flanders, E. O., P. G.	Isberg, M. P.
Burness, John, P. G.	Cuneo, Tomaso	Farrell, J. T.	Jacoby, Jacob
Burness, Robert D., P. G.	Carhon, Oscar	Fledeijke, C. A.	Jensen, Jacob
Backman, Chas. E.	Church, J. W.	Ferrari, John	Jacoby, Julius H.
Blandeno, Frank	Coleman, Alex.	Fignoni, Luigi	Jacobs, Hyman S.
Bjelic, Ella	Christensen, P.	Fristrom, Carl	Johnson, J. H.
Becler, Chas. R.	Cook, George W.	Forsberg, A. G.	Jones, J. T.
Cranz, Theo D.	Duncan, J. W.	Gyselaar, J. H.	Joyce, F. B., P. G.
Clark, Jos. E.	Delano, R. T.	Gerity, Andrew	Johanson, Johan P.
Cohen, L.	Dobner, M.	Gustafson, O., P. G.	Jordan, Alfred V.
Cleary, Robert, P. G.	Danielson, J. F.	George, Walter, P. G.	Johnson, Chas. G.

Johnson, Peter  
Kohn, Henry  
Kimball, T. D.  
Kalisky, S.  
Kronquist, M.  
Konzelmann, A.  
Kaskel, Jacob  
Kukaviza, John, P. G.  
Kidston, Wm.  
Lipman, Henry, P. G.  
Larson, Lars  
Little, Wm. H.  
Larson, Lauretz  
Lorentzen, A. P.  
Levy, Jacob  
Lewis, Herman  
Levy, Isaac  
Lowrie, John  
Leipsic, Jos.  
Lipp, C. E.  
Lospada, Gio.  
Luck, Stephen T.  
Larsen, Alfred T. M.  
Lichtenberg, John  
Larsen, John  
Lindstrom, Wm.  
Meyer, Louis  
Marks, Isaac  
Menke, August

McCluer, Wm., P. G.  
Madison, B. H.  
Möller, Jacob J.  
Michael, Sal.  
Meyer, Benj.  
Michel, Gus.  
Mendel, Louis  
Murrman, P. C.  
McCord, E. B.  
Moller, P. J.  
Mish, S. G., P. G.  
Madsen, Mads J.  
Mitchell, Jos. H.  
Mitchell, Sam. J., P. G.  
Mellin, Chas.  
Mosher, Ferdinand  
Miller, Hans M.  
Mandish, Christ  
Moss, E. R.  
Mather, Squire R., P. G.  
Neilsen, Peter  
Neilsen, Peter  
Nylander, G. A.  
Oliva, Jos.  
Olsen, O. P.  
Phillips, J. K., P. G.  
Perata, Bernard  
Putzman, H. A.  
Peck, Louis

Polack, Samuel, P. G.  
Peterson, Thomas  
Pearce, J. F., P. G.  
Phoedorius, Wm., P. G.  
Podesta, G.  
Perata, Frank  
Pitto, G. L.  
Palmgren, P.  
Pignitore, Fillipo  
Rapheal, Morris  
Reinstein, Oscar  
Rademaker, J. M.  
Rosenthal, M., P. G.  
Roth, Bernhard  
Raggio, David  
Radulovich, M.  
Rasmussen, Chas.  
Radonich, Gligo  
Radonich, Spiro  
Radanovich, John  
Rehn, Carl Johan  
Radonich, Milan  
Strasser, Leo, P. G.  
Stern, Hermann, P. G.  
Shilling, Jos.  
Stalder, Jos., Jr., P. G.  
Salomon, Mor.  
Schuler, J. F. A.  
Sheyer, S.

Schou, P. J.  
Stoltenberg, Wm.  
Smith, H. J., P. G.  
Smith, George W.  
Sterling, Jos., P. G.  
Schoenfeld, Adolph  
Samboseto, Antonio  
Sutherland, Robt. L., P. G.  
Terkelson, L.  
Thompson, H. A.  
Thompson, Thos.  
Tershuren, G. F.  
Thompson, Jorgen  
Thompson, David, P. G.  
Terzovich, S. M.  
Troibert, August  
Versalovich, A.  
Varnhagen, S.  
Vukasinovich, B.  
Weintraub, Sam., P. G.  
Wilhelms, John  
Waters, H. B., P. G.  
Wiegand, Louis  
Welham, George  
Westphal, L.  
Wönne, Emil  
Williams, Wm., P. G.  
Zissig, Chas.  
Zobel, Jacob, P. G.



D. A. HAGENS, Past Grand

Brother Hagens was born and educated in Bremen, Germany. He came to California in 1893. He was initiated in Templar Lodge No. 17, December, 1897; in 1898 he succeeded his father-in-law, C. F. A. Langermann, as Noble Grand, who had served three terms in that office. In April, 1899, he was elected Treasurer of Templar Lodge, which office he now holds: is at present a Grand Lodge representative. He is an active and enthusiastic member of the Order. Brother Hagens is the cashier of the well-known insurance firm of Gutte & Frank, Pacific Coast managers of the Magdeburg Fire Insurance Co. of Magdeburg, Germany, and Magdeburg Fire Insurance Co. of New York.



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CYRUS F. O'NEIL

Cyrus F. O'Neil, a native of Marysville, California, joined Templar Lodge No. 17, Sept. 4, 1889; Loyal Rebekah Lodge No. 215, May 11, 1896; Oriental Encampment No. 57, May 6, 1899.

He was Noble Grand of Templar Lodge in 1891, and Secretary from January 1, 1894, to the present time; Secretary of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of San Francisco since March, 1895; Representative to the Grand Lodge for the first time in 1892, and an attendant at every session since, either as a Representative or Past Grand.

## East Side Lodge No. 325, I. O. O. F.

**E**AST SIDE LODGE No. 325, I. O. O. F., was instituted by Chas. E. Sault, D. D. G. M., on January 30, 1896, with 13 charter members, four of whom still remain, G. W. Stockwell, P. G. M.; D. D. Morton, Chas. Wickman and S. D. Spear. The number of membership July 1, 1899, was 80. The Lodge is in good financial condition, and looks after the sick visiting brothers who are taken sick east of the river. The Lodge has been honored by furnishing one Grand Master, G. W. Stockwell. The Lodge has paid for relief to its members since organization \$5,694.49. The officers for this term are: Dr. F. W. Steddoin, N. G.; Dr. R. C. Dunday, V. G.; D. D. Morton, R. S.; G. W. Stockwell, F. S.; O. L. Robertson, Treas.



# Petaluma Lodge No. 30, I. O. O. F., Petaluma.

RECOGNIZING the grand principles upon which the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was founded, appreciating its beneficent effect upon its great and growing membership, and the moral and social influence it wielded in all communities where the seeds of Friendship, Love and Truth had been planted by this Order, these sturdy pioneers on September 30, A. D. 1854, presented themselves as petitioners for the institution of Petaluma Lodge No. 30, I. O. O. F., and whose personnel immediately stamped it with the seal of stability, and indicated a pure and lofty purpose such as always characterized our Order, and the good and useful lives they lived: S. A. Haydon, Daniel McLaren, Wm. Ayers, T. McMurray, Stephen Payran, E. S. McMurray, A. Purvine and Silas M. Martin.



M. L. FREEMAN,  
Vice Grand



LEGRAND ELLSWORTH,  
Treasurer.



R. H. CAMPBELL,  
Noble Grand.



F. H. MYERS,  
Financial Secretary.



CHARLES H. WILSON,  
Recording Secretary.

Bro. P. R. Dexter officiated as the Grand instituting officer, whose duty having been performed, the embryo Lodge proceeded to set in motion the wheels of a Lodge whose history shows a record excelled by few, by electing the following officers, the luster of which honor thus bestowed upon them—though they have all since passed away—grows prouder as the years roll on: Daniel McLaren, Noble Grand; S. A. Haydon, Vice Grand; Silas M. Martin, Recording Secretary, and Wm. Ayers, Treasurer. Clothed with the authority now thus vested in him, N. G. Bro. Daniel McLaren appointed the following auxiliary officers, which formed the nucleus that gathered so much and dispensed much more: T. McMurray, Warden; Stephen Payran, Conductor; A. S. Purvine, R. S. N. G., and E. S. McMurray, O. S. G.

At the first regular meeting thereafter to present themselves for admission



into the new Lodge we find the names of such men as P. H. Newbill, Smith D. Towne, H. Bassett, R. A. Tyler, Archibald Goodwin and I. G. Wickersham, all of whom were elected, and whose names are inseparably connected with the early history of Sonoma County, and whose memory will always be kept green by this lasting monument builded by the energy of their younger years in early days. Since then Petaluma Lodge has known but one motto, and that is "Forward;" yet never failing in this onward march to minister tenderly to the wants of her distressed brethren by the wayside.

Fraternity and mutual relief were first practiced by this Lodge in the old historic "Phoenix Block" on Main Street, Petaluma; then, as matters seemed going well, new and better quarters were found in the Whitney Building on the corner of Main Street and Western Avenue, where also a public library and reading rooms were conducted by the Lodge, which afterwards passed to the city, and developed the present splendid Free Public Library.

In the year 1869 the tide of thrift within the Lodge seeming to know no ebb, the idea of directing an effort towards the erection of an Odd Fellows' Building was conceived, and the site on which it is at present domiciled was purchased from Hon. A. P. Overton at a cost of \$4,500. The Lodge then proceeded to plan the erection of the three-story building it now occupies, the corner stone of which was laid on July 18, 1871, with impressive ceremony. Bro. A. N. Fox, of San Francisco, officiating, and the building finally dedicated on November 14, 1877. The total cost of building and site being about \$22,000 for which a debt of some \$10,000 was contracted. All of which has at this time been fully liquidated, and a cash balance is on hand.

In these years the Lodge has also purchased a plot of ample proportions in "Cypress Hill" Cemetery, where the remains of our departed brothers, J. S. Cutter, S. Bills, A. Evans, D. Sullivan, L. Widdoes, A. Hitchcock, J. Blume, W. Leffenwell, J. W. Kamuffmann, J. Naylor, D. G. Lonergan and E. Rowson, now rest, at a cost of \$1,500, and thus it now appraises its assets at over \$30,000.

The financial operations of the Lodge at the present time are not uninteresting. Having a membership of 240, and drawing a good revenue regularly from its investments. It has a yearly income of about \$4,500, and distributes annually some \$3,000 among its members for sick benefits alone. The regular dues from members being \$12 per year, it will be seen that every dollar at present contributed by the members, finds its way back to them in the time of need, in the form of sick benefits. A condition that must certainly be far beyond the hopes of our early builders, among whom yet living, it is a pleasure to mention, Bros. Abraham Ward, who became a member on September 8, 1855; Wm. Zastman, who dates his membership December 29, 1855, and LeGrand Ellsworth, who has held the purse-strings of the Lodge for thirty consecutive years.

In this Golden Jubilee year, marking the fiftieth anniversary of our Order's existence in California, the officers of this Lodge entrusted with the duty of bearing the banner of Odd Fellowship where it has always been, and where we trust it will ever remain—at the head of all fraternal societies in our city—are: R. H. Campbell, N. G.; M. L. Freeman, V. G.; Chas. H. Wilson, R. S.; F. H. Myers, F. S.; LeGrand Ellsworth, Treas.; W. H. Darden, Warden; Geo. P. Lovejoy, Conductor; E. E. Drees, R. S. N. G.; D. G. Neil, L. S. N. G.; Carl Plow, R. S. V. G.; A. Sherman, L. S. V. G.; J. F. Walsh, R. S. S.; A. Sherman, Jr., L. S. S.; B. Clark, O. G.; Jas. McFadden, I. G., and Wm. F. Farrell, Chaplain.

## Columbia Lodge No. 40, I. O. O. F., Alameda.

IN pursuance of a call in the *Argus* and *Encinal*, daily papers of the City of Alameda, a number of Odd Fellows and others interested, residing in Alameda, met in Odd Fellows' Hall on the evening of December 3, 1892. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m. when Bro. F. K. Krauth, P. G. of Encinal Lodge No. 164 was elected President and J. H. Applegate, P. G. of San Francisco Lodge No. 3, Secretary. A brief statement of the objects of the meeting was made by the President, after which the petition for a charter was placed on the Secretary's desk for the signature of those desirous of becoming members. Thus the first preliminary steps were taken towards the organizing and perfecting of a full-fledged Lodge of Odd Fellows. This was continued from time to



JOHN GOLDSTONE,  
VICE GRAND.



H. G. MEHRRENS,  
Treasurer.



G. W. CASWELL,  
Noble Grand.



L. E. FLEISCHMAN,  
Recording Secretary.



GEO. T. MORRIS,  
Financial Secretary.

time by adjourned meetings up to the 17th day of February, 1893. After due consideration "Columbia" No. 40 was unanimously adopted as the name and number for the new Lodge.

The institution of a Lodge in any of the fraternal orders is always an event of much importance. In the society of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows an exception is not made. This was evident on Saturday evening, February 18, 1893, in Odd Fellows' Hall, when Columbia Lodge No. 40 was instituted in ample form. And the new bark of Odd Fellowship thus launched was sent on to its future destiny. It was an occasion of remarkable impressiveness and the glamour of it all will probably never be forgotten. The hall was crowded to its fullest capacity. The occasion was as impressive to those who had already been made acquainted with the mysteries of the Order as to those who were for the first time within a Lodge of Odd Fellows. Grand Master Geo. W. Stockwell

came all the way from Los Angeles to institute the new Lodge, and was ably assisted by the grand officers of the Grand Lodge of California. This impressive ceremony was followed by the nomination, election and installation of the first officers of Columbia Lodge No. 40.

Those chosen for the honor were: Past Grand, C. H. Wever; Noble Grand, L. W. S. Downs; Vice Grand, F. H. Gilbert; Secretary, J. H. Applegate; Treasurer, P. A. Dean; Supporters to the Noble Grand, F. P. Sumner and H. K. Field; Supporters to the Vice Grand E. B. Renshaw and T. W. Leydecker; Scene supporters, F. J. Fackrell and C. W. Coffin; Conductor, L. H. Werson; Warden, W. D. Ayers; Chaplain, F. R. Morton; Inside Guard, S. B. Pierce; Outside Guard, Geo. W. Caswell. The installing ceremony being performed by District Deputy Grand Master Bull.

The charter list of the new Lodge closed with the following, consisting of members of the Order who had belonged to various Lodges throughout the country, but who having their homes in Alameda desired to have a Lodge of their own: J. Henry Applegate, W. D. Ayers, G. A. Blank, Jas. Bowcher, C. W. Coffin, G. W. Caswell, A. F. A. Classen, L. W. S. Downs, P. A. Dean, F. J. Fackrell, H. K. Field, F. H. Gilbert, J. M. Gillmore, W. J. Hinds, A. Koerber, T. W. Leydecker, F. R. Morton, E. R. Miles, C. S. Nathan, S. B. Pierce, E. B. Renshaw, F. P. Sumner, D. J. Sullivan, Geo. J. Stoll, C. H. Wever, L. H. Werson and H. P. Wichman.

Columbia Lodge launched out with bright prospects before it. Twenty-seven candidates were elected and taken through the initiatory degree on the evening of its institution. The honors being conferred by Encinal Lodge No. 164 of this city. It has made steady progress up to this time, its present membership numbering 74. Of this number there are 18 Past Grands.

The following constitutes the officers and members of Columbia Lodge:

#### OFFICERS.

Munro, J. A., P. G.	Mehrtens, H. G., Treas.	Torson, J. A., R. S. to N. G.	Coffin, C. W., L. S. S.
Caswell, G. W., N. G.	Downs, L. W. S., Warden	Young, E., L. S. to N. G.	Harry, J. R., Chaplain
Goldstone, Jno., V. G.	Burns, A. G., Conductor	Fischer, A. V., R. S. to V. G.	
Fleischman, L. E., R. Sec.	Jenkin, W. R., Inside G.	White, A. D., L. S. to V. G.	
Morris, Geo. T., Fin. Sec.	Runge, O., Outside G.	Pearce, W. D., R. S. S.	

#### LIST OF MEMBERS.

Anderson, T.	Field, H. K.	Miller, C. L.	Riley, J. A.
Bowcher, Jas.	Fischer, A. V.	Mandler, F.	James, W.
Bolton, J. T.	Fackrell, F. J.	Martinoi, P. Jr.	White, A. D.
Bigler, J. R.	Frost, T. P.	Nathan, C. S.	Hughes, W. R.
Baird, J. V.	Fischer, L. F.	Runge, O.	Haynes, W. E.
Classen, A. F. A.	Swithbank, Chas.	Schneider, Geo.	Wittich, J. H.
Caswell, G. W.	Goldstone, Jno.	Stoll, G. E.	Ansell, F. R.
Dorman, W.	Huyck, Chas.	Stoll, G. J.	Koerber, A. H. W.
Dean, P. A.	Hoeck, Jacob	Victors, A.	Bussenius, A. G.
Daniells, T. G.	Jenkin, W. R.	Wirbser, F.	Burns, A. G.
Danheim, W.	Koerber, A.	Wichman, H. P.	Hinds, H. H.
Davis, E. C.	Krickaw, A. T.	Ullmar, G. F.	Hendry, J. D.
Daniel, J.	Leydecker, T. W.	Young, E.	Cone, F. C.
Emmons, G. W.	Messick, S. P.	Morris, G. T.	

#### PAST GRANDS.

Brow, F. E.	Gilbert, F. H.	Morton, F. R.	Torson, J. A.
Coffin, C. W.	Hinds, W. J.	Sullivan, D. J.	Young, J. W.
Downs, L. W. S.	Keys, E. M.	Wever, C. H.	Munro, J. A.
Fischer, F. P.	Mehrtens, H. G.	Werson, L. H.	Pearce, W. D.
Fleischman, L. E.	Marshall, E. L.	Harry, J. R.	

#### THOSE DECEASED SINCE INSTITUTION.

Applegate, J. H.	Hutton, E. L.	Renshaw, E. B.	Pierce, S. B.
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# Cosumnes Lodge No. 63, I. O. O. F.

COSUMNES LODGE No. 63, I. O. O. F., was instituted on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1856, and the 37th year of the Order in North America, by D. D. G. M. David Kendall, assisted by P. G. Edward E. Hunter, of Eureka Lodge No. 4 of Sacramento, acting as Grand Warden; P. G. Daniel McLaren, of Sacramento Lodge No. 2, as Grand Secretary; Bro. B. Kizmusky, of Granite Lodge No. 62, as Grand Treasurer; P. G. C. C. Hayden, of Sacramento Lodge No. 2, as Grand Marshal, and Bro. James E. Clark, of Granite Lodge No. 62, acting as Grand Guardian. The charter members were the following named brothers, residing at Michigan Bar, Sacramento County, California: Peter J. Wethers, E. S. Potter, Thomas J. Barns, William Gilland and John I. Hanks. None of the charter members retain their membership in the Lodge, and as far as can be ascertained, they—with thousands of the grand old pioneer Odd Fellows of California—having borne well their part in the stormy scenes of life, have passed to their silent rest in the grave, and to their reward.

On the 28th day of January, A. D. 1865, in compliance with a petition signed by the members of the Lodge, which at that time numbered sixteen members, J. J. A. McClelland, Grand Master of the jurisdiction of California and Nevada, granted by dispensation unto the officers and members of said Lodge the privilege of removing the charter, books and all the paraphernalia of the Lodge from the Town of Michigan Bar to the Town of Latrobe, in El Dorado County, where the members still continue to meet in regular session once a week. The Lodge has forty-six members in good standing, and \$600 in the treasury.

# Encinal Lodge No. 164, I. O. O. F.

ENCINAL LODGE No. 164, I. O. O. F., was instituted on Monday evening, August 14, 1869, with the following fourteen charter members: Nathan Porter, Eustace Trenor, James McGowan, Jabish Clement, Jacob A. Hall, Joel Kay, Henry Schlotterbeck, J. J. Markham, Chas. Wood, Wm. K. Jaquith, N. H. Wunnenbery, Henry H. Haight, Fritz Boehmer and John Durein. Of these fourteen charter member, two, Fritz Boehmer and Jacob A. Hall, still retain their membership.

By an early and wise investment in real estate, the Lodge has secured a home free of all incumbrance, and worth nearly twenty-five thousand dollars. For sick benefits, funeral benefits and relief, the Lodge has spent during its existence nearly twenty-five thousand dollars.

Its present list of members, ninety-five, is as follows:

## LIST OF MEMBERS:

Allan, Jerome Augustus	Fletcher, W. O.	Kress, S. B.	Redding, Geo. S.
Anderson, Peter	Fletcher, T. W.	Lamborn, B. F.	Robinson, L. S.
Beckmann, J. N.	Fowler, Jas.	Lange, W. A. C.	Russell, Harley
Bensmar, Geo. A.	Fox, P. B.	Lanktree, J. B.	Sath, J. F.
Bevan, E. J.	Frodden, V. M.	Lassen, H. C.	Schmidt, Henry
Biss, C. W.	Gott, E. N.	Larkin, Jno.	Sherman, S.
Boehmer, Fritz	Graham, F. E.	Lewis, G. L.	Simon, Ernest G.
Bryan, E. H.	Griffiths, L. B.	Linton, Thos.	Simon, Edward J.
Clement, W. B.	Hall, Jacob A.	Lindon, O. S.	Simon, Lucien
Christensen, P.	Ham, C. H.	Logan, W. E.	Stidham, L. W.
Combs, B. F.	Hammond, C. J.	Lubbock, C. H.	Stratford, H. J.
Combs, Geo. W.	Hammond, C. J., Jr.	Martin, D. W.	Stratton, W. C.
Dambacher, A. E.	Hammond, H. M.	Maybee, H. N.	Strauss, N.
Damon, Chas. W.	Hauch, H. C.	Metzger, C. L.	Sturtevant, Geo.
Eickhoff, J. H.	Hickman, Geo.	Moffatt, Joseph	Sutherland, G. M.
Ellsworth, Jno.	Higby, Wm.	McGowan, J. A.	True, C. F.
Esterby, R. G.	Hille, Wm.	Nelson, Jas.	Vollmar, A. G.
Ferris, J. R.	Hundrup, J. P.	Nelson, Peter	Vollmar, W. G.
Finely, C. J. S.	Hutchison, J. W.	Newell, Geo. F.	Wendeland, A. G.
Firehammer, J. H.	Ives, J. F.	Nicolson, Wm.	Westphal, O. F.
Fischer, C. F.	Jensen, Geo. C.	Payson, F. W.	Wharton, Arthur
Fisher, W. J.	Johnson, C. O.	Peck, M. W.	Whiting, F. J.
Fisher, B. L.	Kneppler, G. G.	Priestley, F. H.	
Fletcher, I. D.	Knowles, Wm.	Randlett, E. A.	



# Bay City Lodge No. 71, I. O. O. F.



N. MEYER,  
The only living Charter Member

**B**AY CITY LODGE No. 71, I. O. O. F., was instituted September 4, 1857, by H. L. Van Bokkelen, D. D. G. M., officiating as Grand Master. The officers elected upon the night of institution were: Noble Grand, N. Myer, the only living charter member; Vice Grand, M. Sporborg; Secretary, D. Samuels; Treasurer, D. Lindaner. The present officers are: Noble Grand, Samuel Meyer; Vice Grand, Louis Jonas; Recording Secretary, Theodore Steiner; Financial Secretary, Jonas Elsasser; Treasurer, Albert Steiner.

Theodore Steiner has occupied the position of Recording Secretary continuously since July 1, 1892; Brother Elsasser has been Financial Secretary since July 1, 1883, and Albert Steiner has been Treasurer since July 1, 1886. The Trustees



L. JONAS,  
Vice Grand.



A. STEINER,  
Treasurer.



S. MEYER,  
Noble Grand.



T. STEINER,  
Recording Secretary.



J. ELSASSER,  
Financial Secretary.

are: M. Goldman, T. Ellam and I. Wehle. The present membership of the Lodge is 231, and on its roll are some of the oldest merchants and professional men in the city. Within the last few months this Lodge has added to its membership a large number of unusually bright young men. The Lodge was never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time. This Lodge owns considerable San Francisco Odd Fellows' Hall stock and real estate which brings in quite a revenue.

The presiding officers of this Lodge, under a law of the Lodge, are changed semi-annually, the other officers have been for years reelected. Bay City Lodge



BAY CITY LODGE NO. 71 I. O. O. F. ENTERTAINING SOLDIER ODD FELLOWS EN ROUTE TO MANILA

was one of the Lodges that aided materially in carrying the banner of Odd Fellowship to Germany, donating a sum of money for that purpose. There is a peculiar atmosphere existing in this Lodge, in that they do not confine themselves simply to the giving of weekly benefits, but when a brother is in distress they relieve his condition by voting a sum of money necessary for that purpose, and the Lodge has at times gone so far as to advance money to help a brother to start in business, taking the ground that to help one to help himself is the best rule.

They do their own financial thinking in this respect, even though it differs from the beaten path. Moses Greenebaum, Past Grand, who occupied for a number of years the position of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of California, is a member of this Lodge, and his portrait is herewith presented. Brother Jacob



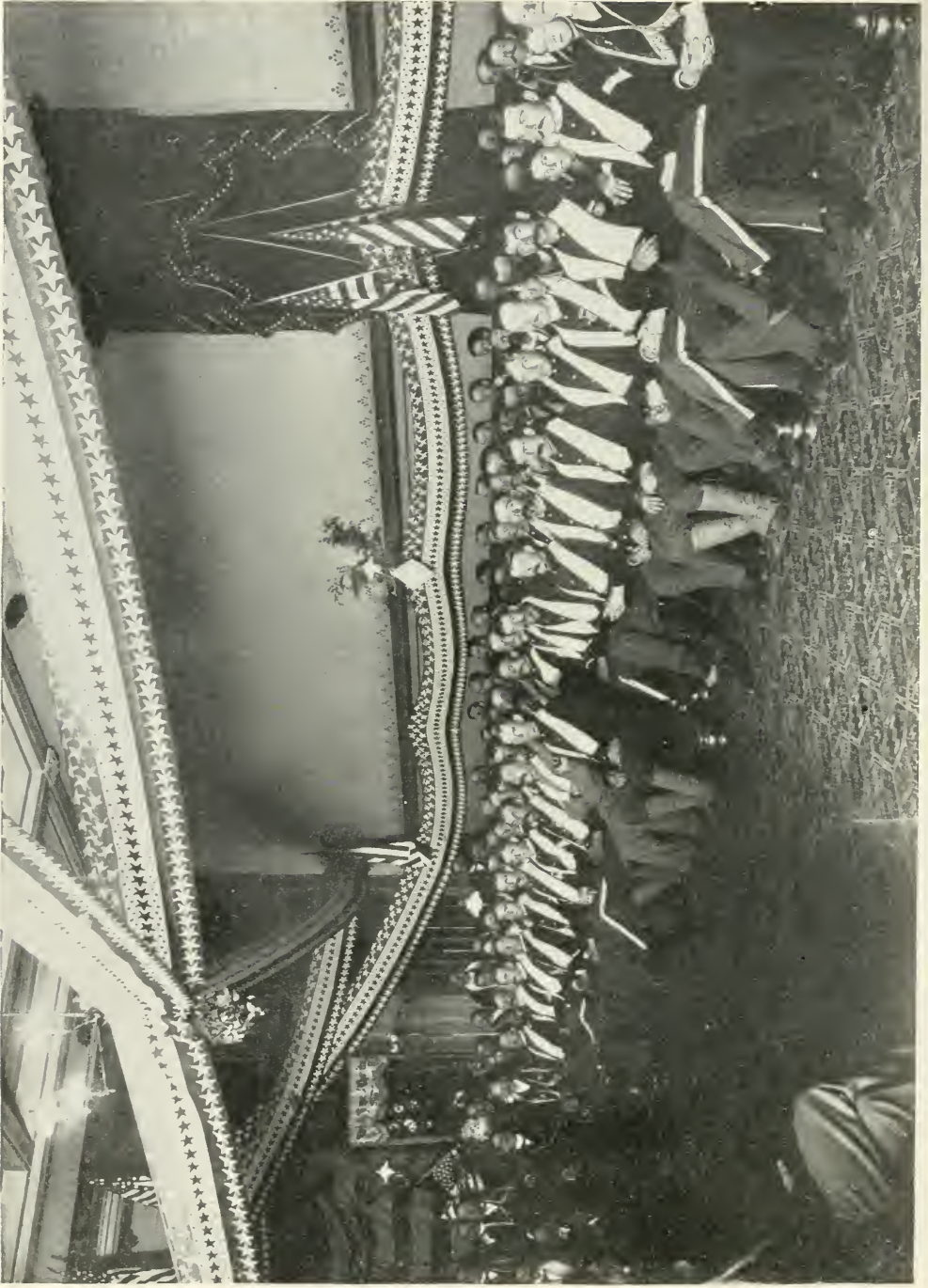
MOSES GREENEBAUM.

Brother Greenebaum is a native of Germany, where he was born in 1833. He came to the United States in 1847 and to California five years afterwards. In 1856 he was initiated in Eureka Lodge No. 4, Sacramento, and not long afterwards became a member of Pacific Encampment No. 2. He occupied the principal Chair in Eureka Lodge in 1861, and during the same year was made High Priest in Pacific Encampment. Two years later he moved to San Francisco and joined Bay City Lodge and Wildey Encampment. Brother Greenebaum served as District Deputy Grand Patriarch under Grand Patriarch Ascher in 1866-67. He was a member of the first Board of Directors of the Veteran Odd Fellows of San Francisco and President of the Association in 1895. For fifteen years he served as Director in the Odd Fellows' Hall Association, most of the time as its Treasurer. He was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of California in 1895 in which office he served till 1898, when he declined further services in that office. Brother Greenebaum has always been an active and earnest worker in both Lodge and Encampment, where he has done a great deal to place the Order in its present enviable position.

Greenebaum is also a member of this Lodge, and we present an illustration of this brother, also in connection with the Lodge.

This Lodge is entitled to the distinction of having fed more soldiers than any other Lodge in California, and it is safe to say that it has filled the hearts of more soldier Odd Fellows with joy and good cheer than





BAY CITY LODGE NO. 71, I. O. F., ENTERTAINING ODD FELLOW SOLDIERS ON RETURN FROM MANILA.



all the Lodges in the State combined. When the President of the United States first called for volunteers, and while responses were coming from all over our great country, Idaho, in common with all the other States, was doing her share towards answering the call. Brother D. L. Badley, a Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, was one of the Odd Fellows who responded to the call, and with other Odd Fellows who had enlisted reached San Francisco May 22, 1898, en route to Manila. Some of the Bay City brothers were on the lookout for the soldiers as they came in to the Bay of San Francisco, and it so happened that Brother Jacob Greenebaum, Past Grand, was on the wharf when the Idaho brothers disembarked, and Brother Greenebaum, grasping the hand of Brother Badley, who, aside from the signs peculiar to Odd Fellowship, was a stranger to him, said: "My brother, as an Odd Fellow, I welcome you to the City of San Francisco. My Lodge, Bay City No. 71, meets Tuesday



JACOB GREENEBAUM, Past Grand.

Jacob Greenebaum, Past Grand, Bay City Lodge, was born in Germany May 28, 1831. He was initiated into El Dorado Lodge No. 8, I. O. O. F., Sacramento in 1852. Joined Bay City Lodge by card in 1862, and has been a member of the Order forty-seven years and of Bay City Lodge thirty-seven years. He arrived in the United States in 1847. He is a genial, whole-hearted Odd Fellow, and a prominent citizen.

Brother Greenebaum is Vice-President of Temple Emanu-El and trustee for thirty-six years. He was the first Grand President of the I. O. B. B., and a member of the Court of Appeals of this Order. As one of the founders of the free religious school, this brother has performed a service both to Judaism and charity.

night, come up and see us." Brother Badley responded, "I will." He did. Others went with him. Speeches were made, the warm grasp of the hand was interchanged, and these Idaho brothers, with their homes and loved ones behind them, found homes and friends in the City of San Francisco, and Bay City Lodge was the channel of intercommunication.

Brother A. Steiner, the wit and humorist of Bay City, seriously set himself to work in getting up an entertainment for all soldier Odd Fellows that might be in San Francisco, and the Idaho boys in particular. It was generally whispered about that there would be a Godspeed meeting on May 31, 1898, in the Lodge room of Bay City, for the purpose of wishing the boys good luck as they passed out of the Golden Gate. The large and elegant Lodge room and banquet room were filled with hundreds of Odd Fellows, eloquent and patriotic speeches were made, good fellowship reigned, heart mingled with heart amid the pleasant

surroundings, and the illustration herewith presented shows a flash-light picture while the brothers were around the banquet board. Later on when the war had closed and the boys were returning to their homes they stopped in San Francisco, and Bay City extended to them such a welcome as perhaps was never before extended to either soldiers or civilians September 12, 1899, in the fair and hospitable City of San Francisco. Speeches were again made by distinguished members of the Order. Brother Badley gave reminiscences and told about Odd Fellowship in the army. A banquet was spread, and along in the small hours of the morning the brothers dispersed to think over the pleasant hours spent with the brothers of this good old Lodge.



ALBERT STEINER.

A gavel was presented to the Lodge by Chaplain Stephenson of the Idaho Regiment, made from wood of a Spanish garrote, the terrible weapon of death and destruction used for decapitating offenders. Brother Badley presented the Lodge with a handsome medal, the official badge of the Odd Fellows' Association of Manila, made of pure silver, especially for Bay City Lodge. Brother Steiner, the master of ceremonies, received these gifts, and, in behalf of the Lodge, tendered thanks. The illustration herewith published shows the soldier members of the Order of the Idaho Regiment, being received on their return from Manila by Bay City Lodge. A most eloquent reception speech was made by Brother Wise of Bay City Lodge.

## Olive Lodge No. 81, I. O. O. F., Dutch Flat.

OLIVE LODGE No. 81, I. O. O. F., of Dutch Flat, County of Placer, State of California, was instituted December 8, 1858. The charter members were: H. S. Wooster, S. G. Steele, Solomon Williams, N. W. Blanchard, P. C. Craig, L. Gross and B. F. Moore. Only one living, Bro. N. W. Blanchard, who is a member of the Lodge at Santa Paula, California. The Lodge was instituted by D. D. Grand Master N. R. D. Traphagen, J. L. Van Bokkelen, Grand Master. Several brothers being present from Brooklyn No. 46 of You Bet. The first Noble Grand being Bro. N. W. Blanchard, who is now a member of the Lodge at Santa Paula, California. Bros. Williams and Moore retained their membership until their decease; the others withdrew. Bro. H. H. Hudepohl was admitted at its first meeting, and was Treasurer from 1860 until his death in 1896, about 35 years, and probably one of the longest terms in the State in that office. Bro. Allen Towle was also admitted at the first meeting, and retained membership until his death in 1897. Both of them being A. O. F.; also the charter members.

The financial success in its early years was due in a great measure to Bro. Blanchard. Since he withdrew, then Bros. J. H. Boke and Allen Towle managed its finances, until Bro. Boke removed to Napa, California, now a member of Napa Lodge, and Bro. Towle removed to Towles, and for about 20 years the finances have been ably managed by Bro. William Nicholls, Jr., and the other members of the Board of Trustees.

Only one loss of about \$900 through the failure of the Odd Fellows' Savings Bank of Sacramento, California. None through the fault or carelessness of any of its officers. The Lodge showed a steady increase in members and finances until June 30, 1880, number being 117, and on account of the suspension of hydraulic mining, decreased to 86 June 30, 1890. From that date it once more started forward, and now numbers 102; as good an average as can be found in any Lodge in the State.

In the year 1873, the Lodge having 90 members and cash assets of \$8,000, decided to own its own hall, and built the second story of its present hall at a cost of \$6,000, which was dedicated on the 27th day of November, 1873, by Grand Master Burnett and the late Grand Sire Bro. Harmon acted as orator. They also own a very nice cemetery in which are deposited the remains of our deceased brothers, costing in all about \$2,000.

Probably one of the noblest works of Olive Lodge, has been the consolidation of Gold Run Lodge No. 139 and its members of 10, average age over 55, and placing the brothers in good standing, entitled to all of its privileges in July, 1896. To the Lodge it is not a financial success, but as a brotherly act, one that must be commended, and the Lodge is entitled to the praise of Odd Fellows. There are other acts, brotherly care and attention, such as assistance to widows and members, but space will not permit. Also the names of many brothers not mentioned, who have nobly performed their part in the workings of the Lodge. Bro. James Jameson was Recording Secretary for many years, and on his death, his son, Bro. James W. Jameson, has ably filled the place.

## LIST OF MEMBERS:

## PAST GRANDS.

Anderson, Charles A.	Goding, Thomas F.	Linn, William Eureka	Rickard, Henry L.
Anderson, Wm. W.	Hillhouse, William	Nichols, Thomas J.	Shaffer, John Wesley
Brady, James Joseph	Hill, William J.	Nichols, William, Jr.	Squier, James E.
Coffin, Isaac Tibbitts	Hoos, John Franz	Perry, Albert Edward	Trathen, William
Cox, Hugh Paden	Harrison, John A.	Runckel, Christian	Wise, Philip
Ferguson, Aaron A.	Jameson, James Wm.	Rupprich, John G.	Wedgwood, John

## THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS.

Aplin, William D.	French, Elias Smith	Moulter, Philip	Towle, George W.
Anderson, Carl	Gould, James Lewis	Mendes, Manuel	Turner, Andrew B.
Anderson, John	Grohs, Frederick	McMaster, James C.	Towle, Arthur W.
Blessing, John A.	Gray, Williams	McCormack, Malcom M.	Thomas, John
Bailey, Thomas	Hemphill, Alexander	Mottram, John	Walter, Rudolph W.
Bush, Edward	Hutchinson, Robert S.	Mendes, John P.	Walter, Henry Penrow
Bellows, William H.	Hayes, John N.	Nicolls, Philip	Walker, Benjamin F.
Brandy, Loren C.	Higgins, Charles C.	O'Connor, James	Waters, John, Jr.
Barber, Charles Edwin	Hoos, John Charles	Peterman, Daniel	West, Thomas Edward
Bechtel, Charles	Hudepohl, Herman H.	Patterson, Peter	Wood, Richard
Bostrom, Charles	Jacobs, Lorenzo	Regan, James	Wood, Frederick
Cooper, John	Johnson, James A.	Rickenback, John W.	Wanacke, Claud
Clarke, Owen	Ketcham, Frank	Rule, William	Warrington, Joseph
Curtis, Solon McKee	Lane, Andrew	Smith, Gregor	Whistler, William G.
Cooke, William R.	Lane, William Willis	Self, Lucian Bonaparte	Williamson, George W.
Dorer, Leopold R.	Lane, Ernest Andrew	Stewart, James	Whitten, Fred. W.
Eckert, Peter	Lepper, Oliver	Shaffer, Silas	Wilson, Robert Alfred
Easton, Charles D.	Lundgren, Adolph F.	Schow, Hans Johnson	Waldau, Ottoman C.
Erskine, Alexander E.	Morshead, David	Seadler, Louie	White, William H.

SECOND DEGREE MEMBER: Hudson, Leroy Curtis      FIRST DEGREE MEMBER: Buckman, Benjamin F.

The total membership of this Lodge July 1, 1899, was 102.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT, JUNE 30, 1899.

2114 shares of the People's Savings Bank, Sacramento, valued at.....	\$ 1,200.00
20 shares of the Spring Valley Water Stock, cost..	2,137.50
100 shares of I. O. O. F. Hall, San Francisco, cost..	510.00
\$4,600 in United States 4 per cent bonds, cost.....	4,600.00
Deposit with the S. F. Savings Union, S. F.....	3,066.90
Deposit with the Hibernia S. & L. Society, S. F....	1,329.18
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer.....	113.62
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	\$12,957.20
Less, due the Trustees.....	200.00
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Net cash assets.....	\$12,757.20
Hall, valued at.....	\$4,500.00
Furniture, valued at.....	300.00
Regalia, valued at.....	150.00
Cemetery, valued at.....	883.88
Library, valued at.....	200.00
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Total assets.....	\$18,791.08

The cash assets are worth face value. The hall of course would not sell for the value placed on it.

We have this month purchased from Brother Hudepohl the lower story for \$1,500, giving the Lodge the full control and ownership of the building.

We think that we have one of the best halls in the country.



STATISTICAL REPORT.

Initiated .....	233	
By Deposit of Card.....	51	
By Ancient Odd Fellows.....	16	
By Non-Affiliated Odd Fellows.....	17	
Reinstated .....	15	
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Total admitted.....	332	
By Consolidation of Gold Run Lodge.....	10	
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In all.....		342
Withdrawn .....	109	
Expelled .....	7	
Deceased .....	46	
Ceased Membership, N. P. D.....	78	240
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Members, June 30, 1899.....		102
Number of degrees conferred.....		1041
Number of brothers relieved.....		443
Number of brothers buried.....		46
Number of widows relieved.....		80
Number of weeks sickness.....		2604

CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT,

FROM DECEMBER 8, 1858, TO JUNE 30, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

Dues and fines.....	\$41,606.90
Donations .....	809.35
Dividends and interest.....	14,030.34
Cemetery Lots .....	325.00
Initiations .....	4,849.00
Degrees .....	5,200.00
Deposit of Card, N. A. of A. O. F.....	983.25
Cards Issued .....	238.80
Reinstatements .....	256.00
Profit on Sale of Bonds.....	268.41
Rents of New Hall.....	6,482.50
Profit on Ball and Small Errors.....	33.28
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Other Lodges .....	4,479.45
	\$75,082.83
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Total .....	\$79,609.78

DISBURSEMENTS

Lodge Expenses .....	\$16,653.15
Cemetery Expenses .....	1,994.73
New Hall, Cost.....	5,906.45
New Hall, Repairs and Janitors' Fees.....	7,532.14
Nurse Hire .....	2,455.85
Sick Benefits .....	14,485.50
Donations to Members.....	2,133.90
Donations to Lodges and Brothers.....	2,035.44
Donations to Widows.....	5,765.00

Funeral Expenses .....	2,339.13	
Loss, Odd Fellows' Savings Bank, Sacramento....	914.34	
Loss on Loans.....	50.00	
		<u>\$62,325.63</u>
Other Lodges .....	4,479.45	
		<u>\$66,805.08</u>
Investments, as Per List.....	12,757.20	
		<u>\$79,609.78</u>

## SUMMARY.

From the Members.....	\$53,943.30
From Investments.....	21,139.53
	<u>\$75,082.83</u>

## DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

Members .....	\$21,414.38	
Widows .....	5,765.00	
Brothers and Lodges.....	2,035.44	\$29,214.82
		<u>\$16,653.15</u>
Lodge Expenses .....	\$16,653.15	
Hall Expenses .....	7,532.14	
Cemetery Expenses .....	1,994.73	\$26,180.02
		<u>5,966.45</u>
New Hall .....	5,966.45	
Bonds, Etc .....	12,757.20	\$18,723.65
		<u>964.34</u>
Losses .....	964.34	964.34
		<u>\$75,082.83</u>

## Chino Valley Lodge No. 220, I. O. O. F.

CHINO VALLEY LODGE No. 220 was instituted March 9, 1897, with eight charter members. At that date 40 new members were admitted by initiation, making a total membership of 48.

Since that time the Lodge has made a steady, gradual growth. At the present time, September 4, 1899, we have a membership of 84.

April 19, 1897, Chino Subordinate Lodge No. 373 presented Chino Valley Lodge No. 220 with a handsome set of regalia.

# Woodland Lodge No. 111, I. O. O. F.

**W**OODLAND LODGE No. 111, I. O. O. F., was instituted January 17, 1863, the Grand Lodge being in attendance with the following officers: D. Kendell, acting M. W. Grand Master; J. B. Harmon, M. W. Dep. Grand Master; J. B. Toles, M. W. Grand Warden; B. Kozmisky, M. W. Grand Secretary; A. P. Andrews, M. W. Grand Treasurer; C. Nixor, M. W. Grand Marshal; Charles Bird, M. W. Grand Guardian. The Lodge was organized with five charter members, viz: J. G. Overshiner, Elias Peterson, M. Barber, J. W. Wiley and A. S. Armstrong, the latter being the only one left of the founders of the Order in Woodland. The Lodge immediately began to "work," and by the time its first anniversary had been reached had a membership of twenty-seven. Since that time Woodland Lodge has been found "a friend in need, a friend indeed," in no small number of instances. During the thirty-six years of its existence 377



J. A. MURRAY  
Noble Grand



FRANK J. BENDER,  
Treasurer.



GEORGE A. OGDEN,  
Noble Grand.



R. LEE  
Recording Secretary



W. N. MASTERS,  
Financial Secretary.

members have signed their names to the roll, of whom 150 are still bound together by the three links of "Faith, Love and Truth." Many of the members have drifted to strange cities and distant lands, but they have always been met with a welcome hand—because they were Odd Fellows.

## LIST OF MEMBERS:

Armstrong, A. S., P. G.  
Adams, William  
Altpeter, Edw. A.  
Ascher, Fred  
Abbott, Joseph  
Burns, Daniel M., P. G.  
Bowman, J. J., P. G.  
Beamer, R. H., P. G.  
Barnes, Henry T., P. G.  
Barr, Corbly, P. G.  
Biddall, John, P. G.

Bean, D. O., P. G.  
Barker, R. B., P. G.  
Burger, Edw. G.  
Boots, W. A.  
Bailey, Chas. H.  
Bemis, Hosea R.  
Baham, Geo. E.  
Brunnett, Mose  
Balzari, Julius T.  
Beckley, Lee  
Bottsford, Geo. W.

Ball, Geo. A.  
Burroughs, John  
Barr, Harrison  
Bender, Frank J.  
Clauton, Drury R., P. G.  
Clauton, Ethelbert J., P. G.  
Crane, Donald, P. G.  
Campbell, J. F., P. G.  
Cassel, Robert E., P. G.  
Chalmers, J. O.  
Chalmers, T. G.

Craig, Joseph  
Colburn, David S.  
Colburn, Orville M.  
Charmak, Louis  
Corseadden, W. J.  
Cassel, W. Frost  
Cassel, Leonard J.  
Campbell, John  
Clover, Edw.  
Day, Russell, P. G.  
Dinsdale, Thos. R., P. G.

Dubois, C. P.  
 Dennis, Jackson L.  
 Don, Joseph R.  
 Davis, Wm. R.  
 Douglas, James N.  
 Ervin, Harrison, P. G.  
 Ervin, George, P. G.  
 Ervin, Charles H., P. G.  
 Ervin, Wm. G.  
 Eires, W. H.  
 Edwards, D. McC.  
 Eakle, H. P., Jr.  
 Evans, Thos. J.  
 Ferguson, George, P. G.  
 Ferguson, Frank B., P. G.  
 Ferguson, John D.  
 Furry, Henry  
 Fitz, Frank  
 French, Charles E.  
 Garoutte, Charles H., P. G.  
 Griffes, Geo. O.  
 Grose, Peter  
 Grossman, W. F.  
 Gwinn, Wm. M.  
 Howard, Henry C., P. G.  
 Hawkins, N. A., P. G.

Henry, Alex. C.  
 Hershey, David N.  
 Huber, Daniel  
 Higgins, Edgar E.  
 Holmes, Victor  
 Holloway, Thos. B.  
 Heidtmann, F. H.  
 Hunt, David L.  
 Jacobs, Andrew  
 Joslyn, Henry S.  
 Jackson, Andrew  
 Johnston, John B.  
 Knauer, W. O.  
 Lee, Robert, P. G.  
 LaBrie, N. B., P. G.  
 Ludden, A. L., P. G.  
 Laugenour, Chas. T.  
 Lacy, Daniel Boone  
 Masters, W. N., P. G.  
 Martin, Hugh, P. G.  
 Martin, George, P. G.  
 McNair, William, P. G.  
 Martin, Henry P.  
 Martinelli, Fred  
 Magonigle, Eli  
 McGriff, F. P.

Montgomery, S. M.  
 Martin, James T.  
 Malcolm, George  
 Merritt, Eugene J.  
 Martin, Robert  
 May, W. G. C.  
 Murray, Joseph A.  
 Montgomery, Frank V.  
 Newton, Zurah  
 Odium, H. R., P. G.  
 Ogden, Geo. A.  
 Porter, Thomas R., P. G.  
 Petch, Thomas D., P. G.  
 Patterson, Joseph L., P. G.  
 Provost, Louis  
 Phillips, W. H.  
 Piper, Charles A.  
 Riley, Ely Davis  
 Reindollar, J. J.  
 Rogers, J. B.  
 Ridgeway, Sam O.  
 Rasmussen, H. J. N.  
 Reibel, Ernest  
 Ready, Edward F.  
 Steiner, Adam, P. G.  
 Scott, C. C., P. G.

Scott, J. Smith, P. G.  
 Schluer, Otto  
 Spires, Reuben E.  
 Smith, J. K.  
 Snavelly, Elias R.  
 Snavelly, John  
 Schmechel, Fred'k W.  
 Snee, Larry  
 Stockton, W. F.  
 Sloman, Charles H.  
 Sovereign, Seth  
 Stolle, Alex.  
 Tilley, J. W., P. G.  
 Torrance, M. H.  
 Toothaker, E. C.  
 Tuck, Chas. E.  
 Thompson, Thomas  
 Turner, J. A.  
 Tisdell, Claude A.  
 Vosburg, Chas. H.  
 Weaver, J. W., P. G.  
 Webster, Olliver  
 Williams, Elijah  
 Windsor, S. S.  
 Wolfe, M. M.  
 Walker, William A.  
 Wyckoff, David H.

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#### Elective Officers:

MARY A. EVANS, Noble Grand.  
 LIZZIE G. VOLLMAR, Vice-Grand.  
 MARY A. RANDLETT, Recording Secretary.  
 EVA M. HAGY, Financial Secretary.  
 ELLA LARKIN, Treasurer.

Present membership 84.

### ABSIT INVIDIA

REBEKAH LODGE No. 11  
 I. O. O. F.

Meets every Tuesday evening at Enterprise Hall, corner of 22d and Grove streets, Oakland.

The officers for term from July 1, 1899, to January 1, 1900, are as follows:

ANNIE M. BAKER, Noble Grand.  
 MARGARET A. EMBURY, Vice-G'd.  
 F. ALBERTA LITTLEFIELD, Recording Secretary.  
 MARY F. LITTLEFIELD, Financial Secretary.  
 KATE RENSHAW, Treasurer.



# About Ben Adhem Lodge No. 112, I. O. O. F.

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**A**BOUT BEN ADHEM LODGE No. 112, I. O. O. F., was instituted at San Francisco on Thursday evening, April 3, A. D. 1863, by J. A. J. Bohem, M. W. G. Master, assisted by Grand Lodge officers, with the following named thirteen brothers as charter members:

Austin, B. C., P. G.  
Wade, C. H., P. G.  
Phillips, John, P. G.  
Benjamin, W. K.  
Higgins, Wm. M.  
Folsom, Albert  
Morrell, Frank D., P. G.

Stevens, G. W., P. G.  
Little, E. J., P. G.  
Ballard, J., P. G.  
Lundy, Wm.  
Van Riper, Jas.  
Cashman, Wm.



FRANK D. MORRELL, P. G.,  
Chaplain.



CHAS. J. SPEAR,  
Recording Secretary.



W. J. PLUNKETT,  
Noble Grand.



WM. H. BLUNDEN,  
Financial Secretary.



T. G. OBRAM,  
Vice Grand.



M. P. FORBES,  
Treasurer.

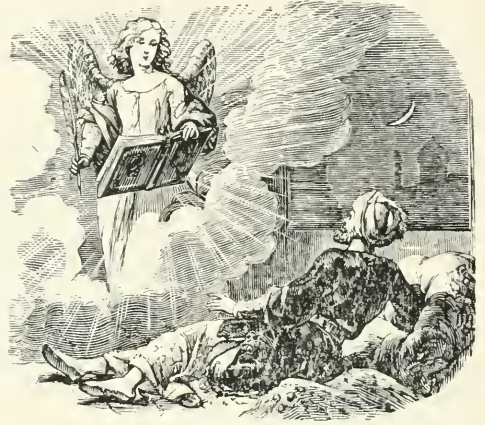
The first officers elected for the term ending June 30, 1863, were: N. G., John Phillips; V. G., W. K. Benjamin; Rec. Sec., Jas. Ballard; Per. Sec., Frank D. Morrell; Treas., Geo. W. Stevens. Night of meeting Thursday.

The nucleus of formation of this Lodge was from a resolution offered in Magnolia Lodge No. 29 by P. G. F. D. Morrell early in March, 1863, and on the 31st of the same month the resolution was adopted, donating \$1,250 to those of its members who desired to withdraw for the purpose of forming a new Lodge. Thirteen members asked for and received their withdrawal cards on same date, which composed the charter members as referred to above. And of the original thirteen one still holds the fort, P. G. Frank D. Morrell, the present Chaplain of the Lodge, and whose half-tone appears here, by vote of the Lodge.

The name of the Lodge was suggested by Bro. Wm. M. Higgins, taken from the beautiful poem of "Leigh Hunt," which appropriately expresses one of the leading principles upon which Odd Fellowship is founded, and is worthy of a place in our history.

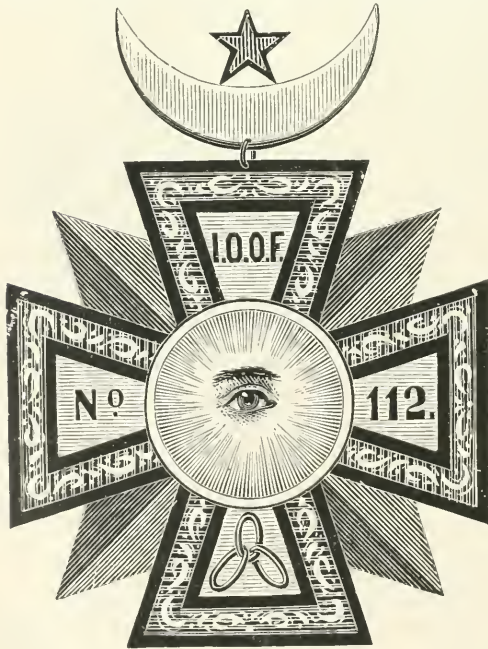
#### ABOUT BEN ADHEM.

ABOUT BEN ADHEM (may this tribe increase!)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw within the moonlight in his room,  
Making it rich and like a lily in bloom,  
An angel writing in a book of gold.  
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,  
And to the presence in the room he said,  
"What writest thou?" The vision rais'd its head,  
And with a look made of all sweet accord.  
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."  
"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"  
Replied the Angel. Abou spoke more low,  
But cheerly still, and said, "I pray thee, then,  
Write me as one that loves his fellow men."  
The angel wrote, and vanish'd. The next night  
It came again with a great wakening light,  
And show'd the names whom love of God had bless'd  
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.



*"Write me as one that loves his fellow men."*

The significance of name fitted so nicely with the emblem which we had already adopted as the insignia of our Lodge; the Maltise Cross, backed with a four-pointed star and suspended from the Crescent, supporting the "Star of the East," which the wise men of Egypt foretold would be the dawn of a new Era in the world's history, and, foremost among the means to that end, the influence of our beloved Order takes no second place.



EMBLEM OF LODGE.

The harmony of both name and emblem signified so much that their adoption was unanimous. The present officers are: N. G., W. J. Plunkett; V. G., T. G. Ogram; Rec. Sec., Chas. J. Spear; Fin. Sec., W. H. Blunden; Treas., M. P. Forbes.

We are a flourishing Lodge of nearly two hundred members. Our aim is to live up to, and carry out the principles of "Odd Fellowship" so far as we know them. The string is always on the outside of the door to all visiting brothers, with the right hand of Fellowship and a Fraternal welcome.

We feel that a short biography of the founder of Abou Ben Adhem Lodge will not be out of place here. Bro. F. D. Morrell, P. G., arrived in San Francisco by way of the Isthmus (Nicaragua route) December 28, 1852. Early in the following year he went to the mines near Jamestown, California, and was fairly successful. In March, 1854, he went to Oregon with a company called the Pike Water Co. to raise water from Rogue River, near its mouth, to supply miners

along the beach working the black sand deposits, which in many places, was very remunerative. After completing the flumes, and things looking very bright, the Indian War broke out called the "Rogue River War of 1855." His camp was the first descent they made, driving them into a stockade, destroying everything in sight. After 30 days was relieved by Col. Buchanan, U. S. A. from Crescent City, 30 miles below on the Coast. Once more back in California he went to mining again in Placer County. When news came of the assassination of James King of William, immediately returned to San Francisco, and joined the "Vigilance Committee" of 1856, Capt. Hossefros' Company, and was one of a detachment who stood guard on top of Vigilant rooms the last night before disbanding. He joined Magnolia Lodge, No. 29, December 19, 1856; passed the chairs in that Lodge, and continued a member until the formation of Abou Ben Adhem as charter member, 36 years ago, the 3d day of April, last. Since that time he has filled various responsible positions in his Lodge and the Grand Lodge. A member of the Veterans' Odd Fellows' Association almost from its inception; Master Mechanic in the Federal service at U. S. Mint, San Francisco, eight years. At the present time he is a Trustee and Chaplain of his own Lodge. During his long membership in the Order (43 years) he has received but two weeks' benefits, a very good record for an Odd Fellow and for his Lodge.



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# Germania Lodge No. 116, I. O. O. F.

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GERMANIA LODGE No. 116, I. O. O. F., San Francisco, was instituted by D. D. G. M. James A. McClelland on the 1st day of July, 1863. Bro. Wm. Viereck being the first Noble Grand and Bro. Chas. Rademacher the first Vice Grand, they now sleep, never to awake.

The charter members were: Wm. Viereck, Siegfried Saalburg, C. Mengels, G. T. Shek, Nathan Levy, C. Rademacher, J. Breiling, Wm. Saalburg and Frank Bieler, only the last named is still a member of our Lodge.

## PRESENT OFFICERS:



JOHN R. HAAKE  
Noble Grand.



ADAM WAGNER,  
Vice Grand.



EMIL NIEMEIER,  
Recording Secretary



EDWARD ROTGER,  
Financial Secretary.

Germania Lodge has prospered many years, up to the year of 1894 the membership never being less than 250 members, but the last six years have broken our ranks, and on July 1, 1899, only 130 members are on our roll. And what has been the cause of our decrease in membership? Death took away many of our active and beloved brothers, they found their well-earned rest, eternal sleep! Depressed business brought suspensions, and last but not least, laws were passed, which took away good material, from which we might have drawn new members to our Lodge; laws which are antagonistic to the principles and the customs of the Germans. We still show courage and hope to redeem our losses in the near future, and pray earnestly that those barriers spoken of may be removed.

In 1890 our total assets were \$20,111.32, 259 members. In 1899 our total assets are \$14,273.76, 130 members.



## PAST GRANDS:

Baethje, Peter  
Becker, Wm.  
Egeberg, Henry  
Fabry, Leopold M.  
Factor, D. B.  
Fett, Chas.  
Frank, George C. P.  
Heim, Franz

Hoffmann, Wm. F.  
Holling, Chas. H.  
Joost, Hermann  
Lewis, Abraham  
Maass, Henry F.  
Marks, Friederich  
Neussdorfer, Conrad  
Niemeier, Emil

Niewerth, Aug.  
Otto, Ernst A.  
Pacissman, Heinrich  
Rohlfis, C. H. E.  
Rotger, Edward  
Schleicher, Jacob  
Schultz, Otto  
Stappenbeck, Wm.

Waller, Chris.  
Walther, Philip H.  
Wehser, Henry  
Weichardt, John C.  
Weiss, Wm.  
Zulk, John C.

## THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS:

Adams, Jacob  
Adler, Leopold  
Arendt, Edward  
Aman, Engelhard  
Anderson, Axel R.  
Augelius, John D.  
Atzeroth, Fred.  
Balke, Wm.  
Belau, Michael  
Beran, Emanuel  
Bendewald, L.  
Bieler, Frank  
Blanken, Jacob  
Both, Curt  
Carsten, Fred  
Ehret, Joseph  
Ehrlich, Hermann  
Eibich, Chas.  
Frank, Henry  
Fischer, Peter  
Gambis, Friederich  
Geffke, Henry  
Gimbel, Frank  
Goldzieher, Steffen  
Gollner, Wm.

Gudehus, Christian  
Gudehus, Fred  
Haacke, John R.  
Hahn, John W.  
Hasselbach, Geo.  
Hastedt, Carl  
Hecker, Adolph  
Helliessen, Chas. F. A.  
Hempel, Hermann  
Hertel, Geo.  
Heyer, Aug.  
Hubert, Hinrich  
Israel, Julius  
Junz, Henry K. P.  
Kaechele, Michael  
Kern, Wm.  
Klein, Ernst  
Koeboorn, John H.  
Koenig, Max  
Koenig, Frank  
Krahnner, Ernst  
Krayner, John M.  
Kuhlmann, Diederich  
Kunne, Chas.  
Landschneider, Henry

Levy, Julius  
Levy, Salomon  
Lindtke, Hermann C.  
Lueders, Gustav  
Lutz, Ludwig  
Maas, Henry  
Mangels, Henry M. C.  
Marks, Aug. M.  
Matfeldt, H. F.  
Matzen, Lorenz  
Medau, Peter H.  
Meinert, John F.  
Meinke, John  
Merzbach, Julius  
Metzler, Chas. J. B.  
Morloch, Fritz  
Otten, Clans  
Otten, John  
Peck, Philip  
Petersen, Wilhelm N.  
Raubinger, Wilhelm  
Renner, Wm.  
Rodefeld, Fritz  
Schmauss, Franz  
Schmidt, Geo.

Shortemeier, H. H.  
Schroder, John A.  
Schroder, John H.  
Schroder, John H. C.  
Schulz, John D.  
Schulz, Ludwig  
Schuneman, Edward  
Schwendel, Joseph  
Sichel, Max  
Stamm, Julius C.  
Steffens, Henry  
Storz, Oscar F.  
Tiedeman, Martin  
Trust, Jacob  
Utz, Adam  
Vock, Simon  
Vogt, F.  
Wagner, Adam  
Wagner, Philip  
Waller, Clans  
Werner, Christopher J.  
Winter, Louis  
Wittenberg, Herman H.  
Zoller, Carl  
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# Apollo Lodge No. 123, I. O. O. F., San Francisco.

EARLY in 1848, Daniel Norcross, then a resident of Philadelphia, who was a member of a musical club in that city and an active Odd Fellow, conceived the plan of starting a new Lodge, which should be largely composed of the members of the Music Club, and which should make music one of its attractive features. Its name was to be "Apollo," after the god of music and poetry. A choir was to be formed and several selections of music were to be rendered during the evenings when meetings were to be held. The proposition met with great favor, and on February 19, 1848, Apollo Lodge No. 296, was added to the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.



J. J. APPLIGATE,  
Junior Past Grand.

W. F. NORCROSS,  
Recording Secretary.

HENRY O. CURTIS,  
Trustee.

DAVID A. HODGHEAD,  
Noble Grand.

FRANK VAN NESS COX,  
Treasurer.

W. C. JOHNSON,  
Trustee.

WM. A. LIMBAUGH,  
Vice Grand.

VICTOR C. POST,  
Financial Secretary.

JACOB GLASSMAN,  
Trustee.

In 1849 Brother Norcross came to San Francisco, and assisted in instituting California Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., on September 9, 1849.

Being elected in 1865 a representative to the Grand Lodge of the United

States, meeting in Baltimore. Brother Norcross, after attending the session, visited his former home and Lodge in Philadelphia. It then occurred to him to organize, on his return to San Francisco, another Apollo Lodge, fully believing that such a Lodge would be as successful in San Francisco as Apollo No. 296 had been in Philadelphia.

Canvassing for members, especially among those of his acquaintances who were teachers of music or amateurs, he found there was at that time a society called "The Twelve," all good vocalists and intimate friends of his, two of them



DANIEL NORCROSS

Brother Daniel Norcross was initiated in Philanthropic Lodge No. 15, I. O. O. F., Philadelphia, March 15, 1845. Received the Degrees of the Order and was appointed Conductor, which position he filled until the institution of Enterprise Lodge No. 301, September, 1846, of which Lodge he was a charter member and first Noble Grand. Was admitted to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on December 21, 1846. He was one of the originators of Apollo Lodge No. 296, Philadelphia, instituted February 19, 1848; was elected Treasurer, which position he filled to January 1, 1849, when he had made arrangements to leave for California. After his arrival in San Francisco, July 6, 1849, he was requested by Brother James Smiley who had a commission from Horn R. Kneass, Grand Sire, to institute California Lodge No. 1, to act as his assistant in the institution, which he did on the evening of September 9th. He retained his membership in Apollo Lodge, Philadelphia, till after he returned to bring his family to California in 1852. The first of January, 1852, was when the Degree of Rebekah went into effect, and a special meeting of the Lodge was called on the 3d to confer the Degree on himself and wife previous to their departure for San Francisco, and it is believed they were the first to have had the Degree conferred upon them. Brother Norcross had the Encampment Degrees conferred on him in Philadelphia in 1846; was a charter member of Palestine Encampment, and elected the first High Priest; was admitted to the Grand Encampment in 1847. On his arrival in San Francisco with his family he deposited his card with San Francisco Lodge No. 3; was a charter member of Yerba Buena Lodge No. 15, up to the time of the institution of Apollo Lodge No. 123, of which Lodge he is a member at this time. He was active in the institution of the Grand Lodge of California, May 17, 1853, and also the Grand Encampment, January 8, 1855. Brother Norcross was also a charter member of Golden Gate Encampment No. 1, instituted February 1, 1853, and elected its first Treasurer. He was elected Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, from the Grand Encampment, to serve the years 1865-66, which sessions he attended. Was present and participated in the ceremonies of the Wilkey Monument Dedication on September 20, 1865.

being Odd Fellows. One of these was James F. Swift, who readily consented to become a Charter Member; the other was J. Stadfeldt, who did not wish to leave his Lodge, but who most heartily joined Brother Norcross in his undertaking.



After two or three preliminary meetings, and after he had visited the Lodges of the city to obtain their consent to the establishment of a new Lodge, not only was permission cheerfully given by all, but Yerba Buena and Templar Lodges, Nos. 15 and 17 respectively, made handsome donations to the new organization.

Everything having been arranged, Apollo Lodge No. 123, I. O. O. F., was instituted in Covenant Hall, San Francisco, on the afternoon of February 24, 1866, by Grand Master C. O. Burton, assisted by Grand Warden C. N. Fox, Grand Secretary T. Rodgers Johnson, Grand Treasurer M. Heller, and others. P. G. William Hays was elected First Noble Grand, and A. D. Grimwood, Vice Grand. P. G. John B. Harmon, by general consent, took the position of Junior P. G. for the term. On the evening of February 24, 1866, the Lodge held its first regular meeting. About forty applications were acted upon and thirty



JOHN R. AITKEN, Past Grand

John R. Aitken, now a member of Apollo Lodge No. 123, was initiated an Odd Fellow in Fidelity Lodge No. 222, in 1874. Subsequently, on removing to San Diego, of which county he afterwards became Superior Judge, he withdrew from Fidelity Lodge and Joined San Diego Lodge No. 153, where he passed the Chairs. On again taking up his residence in San Francisco in 1894, he became a member of Apollo Lodge No. 123, in which he has ever since retained his membership, and is now an honored brother. Past Grand Aitken is one of those Odd Fellows whose legal knowledge and experience has brought to him a large and valuable clientage. He maintains offices in the Mills Building, in this city, where he is usually to be found.

candidates were initiated, probably the largest number ever admitted into a Lodge at one time. The hall was filled with brothers, there being about 300 in attendance, among whom was Samuel H. Parker, Past Grand Master. The prospects of the Lodge could not have been brighter. When hardly a month old, it had a membership of seventy-five and a full treasury.

The meetings were fixed for Saturday night, that being the most acceptable to the majority of the members. When the change was made to Friday, it caused



not only a loss of members, but many who would have been zealous workers in the Order could no longer take an active interest in the Lodge.

Being organized under unusually auspicious conditions, Apollo No. 123, I. O. O. F., has made indeed a record showing remarkable and wonderful results attained in 33 years, of which it justly feels proud.

From February 24, 1866, to June 30, 1899, it has expended:

For relief and charity.....	\$ 89,501.21
For burying the dead.....	11,396.26
For the relief of widows and educating the orphans	6,014.50

Total.....\$106,911.97

Its total available assets at this date are.....\$ 37,579.26

Its present membership is 233.

It has lived up to the beautiful principles of the Order. Whenever the storm was beating on an unprotected head, whenever father, mother or little ones were hungry, thirsty or naked, it has extended a helping hand. Wherever a Brother was lying dead, there it stood to perform the last rites of love. By Friendship, Love and Truth, it has spread religious, moral and intellectual ideas for the benefit of mankind and the glory of God.

LIST OF MEMBERS:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Avery, D. R.            | Fredman, Theo.            | Lande, Ed., P. G.         | Rudy, B. M.                 |
| Applegate, J. J.        | FitzGerald, J. J., P. G.  | Lister, Thos.             | Rabjohn, Charles A.         |
| Abrams, Wm.             | Flick, Theophilus         | Larsen, Louis A.          | Rickard, Richard            |
| Adams, Edward F.        | Fuller, G. E.             | Limbangh, Wm. A.          | Rolph, Joseph W.            |
| Anderson, John Jas.     | Field, Franklin Fremont   | Lang, Geo. F.             | Robinson, John Lee          |
| Aitken, John R., P. G.  | *Grimwood, A. D., P. G.   | Lange, Rudolph F.         | Smith, Holland, P. G.       |
| Adams, Chas. F.         | Galehouse, F.             | McAllister, W. B.         | Sherman, F.                 |
| *Burnett, G. G., P. G.  | Glassman, Jacob, P. G.    | Morgau, E. H., P. G.      | Schuck, Herman, P. G.       |
| Brownell, Jere.         | Gillon, Jas., P. G.       | Morrow, W. W., P. G. M.   | Spaulding, C. H.            |
| Bullivant, H. E., P. G. | Gullixson, Hans           | Mayer, Henry              | Schmieder, E. J., P. G.     |
| Breslau, S.             | Gopchevitch, Bozeo M.     | Madsen, O.                | Sargent, G. W., P. G.       |
| Berk, M. G.             | Gorham, W. T., P. G.      | McMillan, Jas.            | Swanson, John O.            |
| Bacon, J. B.            | Guilbert, August          | McCormick, F. H., P. G.   | Smith, Alfred               |
| Blackburn, A. H.        | Gilfillan, J. C., P. G.   | McCluskey, Geo., P. G.    | Saville, Harry D., P. G.    |
| Bradshaw, Ira H.        | Grady, Wm.                | Magnussen, P.             | Shafer, Wm. S.              |
| Bachelder, E. M.        | Glendye, Wm.              | Marcy, Z. C.              | Snell, Ralph L.             |
| Brown, F. W. C. A.      | Grow, Harry L.            | Mangeot, C., P. G.        | Skidmore, Geo. G.           |
| Blair, Joseph           | Gunderson, S. T.          | Martin, C.                | Spencer, Thos. J.           |
| Borglin, C. J.          | Grau, Ludwig H.           | Mathison, M.              | Sloss, Jno. R.              |
| Bullivant, Thomas E.    | Hall, E. L.               | Martin, J. H.             | Scrivener, Henry J.         |
| Baker, W. S.            | Homer, J. L.              | Moore, E. A., P. G.       | Sickels, Nelson D.          |
| Carswell, G. W.         | Herbert, Wm.              | Moore, H. A.              | Turrell O. B.               |
| Cecil, Jno.             | Hayes, Jas.               | Mass, Peter Hy            | Taggard, E. W., P. G.       |
| Chapman, L.             | Humphrey, O. J.           | Macbeth, John             | Tilton, C. S.               |
| Colby, Z. F.            | Hamilton, H. M., P. G.    | McCollister, W. M., P. G. | Taylor, D. W., P. G.        |
| Carmany, J. W.          | Hackett, F. M., P. G.     | Moss, A. J.               | Taylor, J. W.               |
| Cutten, E. L., P. G.    | Hazard, A. R., P. G.      | Malmberg, Alex. A.        | Thulin, A.                  |
| Cockrill, R. L., P. G.  | Harvey, Wm.               | *Norcross, D., P. G. R.   | Tregenza, T.                |
| Cook, Ira               | Hartley, J. D., P. G.     | *Norcross, W. F., P. G.   | Thomas, C. E., P. G.        |
| Crawley, Jno. M.        | Hamerton, W. C.           | Nelson, Olof, P. G.       | Thies, Hermann              |
| Caler, F. E., P. G.     | Hills, E. H., P. G.       | Nute, Jno.                | Tyler, Francis Wm.          |
| Curtis, H. L., P. G.    | Hammersmith, L., P. G.    | Newbert, Alphonso P.      | Tyler, Harvey L.            |
| Chamberlain, W. B.      | Hoin, T. S., P. G.        | Nagel, Chas. A.           | Toler, Jasper N., P. G.     |
| Cilley, Miner H.        | Hutton, Franklin R.       | Nygren, John E.           | Thomas, Wm. F.              |
| Carlson, Nils A.        | Headrick, Andrew J.       | Nelson, Gustave Oscar     | Thursbacher, Bruno Ernest   |
| Calden, Guy C.          | Hohenschild, W. F. H.     | Nelson, Gustof Alfred     | Tooker, John Charles        |
| Clark, Jno. F.          | Hilton, Wm. M., P. G.     | Oliva, G.                 | Upton, Vernon               |
| Copsey, A. N., P. G.    | Hutcheson, David          | Olsson, Jno.              | Upphoff Jno. E.             |
| Clarke, Thomas Albert   | Hoek, Henry P.            | Obradovich, Peter         | Van Reyneboom, F. W., P. G. |
| Cochran, Hugh M.        | Hodghead, David A.        | Ottenberg, Aleck          | Van Duzer, A. P.            |
| Cox, Frank V. N.        | Higgins, Sol. E.          | Olinger, Chas. Hy         | Vivian, C.                  |
| Clark, Chas. L.         | Hagstrom, Carl A., P. G.  | Prior, J. L.              | Von Werthern, Jos.          |
| *Densmore, G. B.        | Horn, Harry Lincoln.      | Poole, M. M.              | Wilke, J. O. F.             |
| Danski, G. D., P. G.    | Hastings, Fred k Hamilton | Paine, Jas.               | Welp, G. H.                 |
| Daner, S.               | Jury, L.                  | Perry, J. W., P. G.       | Whitney, H. K.              |
| Durgin, F. W., P. G.    | Johnson, W. C., P. G.     | Perry, H. O.              | Wallace, D.                 |
| Doyle, Aug. J., P. G.   | Johnston, R. A.           | Post, V. C., P. G.        | Waite, Josiah, P. G.        |
| Daniels, Roy A.         | Johnson, L. F.            | Post, Chester C., P. G.   | Williams, J.                |
| Daniels, George E.      | Jones, John H.            | Patrick, Harry W., P. G.  | Whitmarsh, C. S.            |
| Dorsey, Gilbert M.      | Knight, Jno.              | Price, Edward             | Wilson, A. W.               |
| Davies, Alfred          | Kessler, Henry            | Pritchard, Owen R.        | Wick, Peter                 |
| Estee, M. M., P. G. R.  | Kelly, Jno.               | Perry, Chas. E.           | Wermli, Jacob               |
| Elving, F. H.           | King, C. H.               | Person, John              | Waggouer, Samuel C.         |
| Easson, Wm. L.          | Kydd, I. F.               | Perkins, Thomas Allen     | Young, Herman H.            |
| Erickson Alex           | Kernell, Andrew J.        | Perry, Samuel A.          | Zochel, D.                  |
| Estes, Harry W.         | Kollmer, Jacob            | Richards, F.              | Zobel, Handel Hart          |
| Estes, Elisha B.        | Kinser, Joshua R.         | Rossi, Ed.                |                             |
| Fletcher, E. T.         | Loane, J. M.              | Rath, G.                  |                             |
| Firmauo, Santo          | Loane, Abe                | Rasmussen, G. J.          |                             |

*Charter Members.

# Parker Lodge No. 124, I. O. O. F.

SAN FRANCISCO.

PARKER LODGE No. 124, I. O. O. F., was instituted July 16, 1866, by Most Worthy Grand Master I. N. Randolph, assisted by P. D. D. G. S. James Smiley, P. G. M. Jas. A. J. Bohem, R. W. D. G. M. Chas. N. Fox, R. W. G. Sec. T. Rodgers Johnson, R. W. G. Treas. M. Heller and other grand officers in the presence of a large number of visitors. The following is a list of the charter members:

## CHARTER MEMBERS:

Allen, William M.  
Bartlett, Washington  
Bartnett, Joseph  
Blum, Edward  
Casey, Edward W.  
Crowell, George C.  
Eckstein, Alfred B.

Freud, Moritz  
Himerau, Louis A.  
Howes, Samuel P.  
Hunter, Edward  
Hyland, Henry J.  
Levy, Marquis  
Levy, Henry

Levin, Jacob  
Marcus, Isaiah  
Marks, Jacob C.  
Monell, Geo. I. N.  
Moneypenny, Charles  
Passmore, E. J.  
Raymond, John A.

Robinson, Prescott  
Root, Nathan T.  
Starkweather, James M.  
Von Rhein, Otto F.  
Tilley, William J.



J. A. WELLS,  
Noble Grand.



GEORGE C. CROWELL,  
Vice Grand.



C. STEINFELS,  
L. S. S.

The elective officers installed were as follows: N. G., Geo. C. Crowell; V. G., Washington Bartlett; R. S., Marquis Levy; F. S., Henry J. Hyland; T., Otto F. Von Rhein. After the installation of officers, and other business was concluded, the grand officers and visiting brothers were invited to partake of a supper, which was given at the Old Commercial Restaurant on Sacramento Street. After many speeches, in which the success of the new-born Lodge was predicted, the assembly adjourned. The Lodge started out well, and wound up the term with a total of 66 members, and at the end of two years the Lodge had taken in 193 members, a growth of unequalled proportions up to that time. The Lodge kept steadily on its upward course until a maximum of 340 active members was reached. Like most other of San Francisco Lodges, Parker Lodge suffered from the general depression caused by the institution in our midst of various fraternal and insurance institutions which offered greater inducements to the younger element, and for a time stood still or dropped down the line. This Lodge at one time was

in the list of wealthy Lodges, and had a big bank, but bank failures and sickness made heavy inroads upon its finances. Parker Lodge has expended close upon \$100,000 in benefits, and very large sums in ministering to the wants of needy brothers and sisters, aiding the "Home" and Orphan Asylum, and other kindred institutions.

Death has taken from the list of charter members 11, one of whom, Washington Bartlett, held the high and responsible position of Governor at the time of his death, 7 suspended, 5 withdrawn, and two still retain their membership, N. T. Root and Geo. C. Crowell. The Lodge now has 120 members, having initiated three so far this term.

## PRESENT OFFICERS:

Wells, J. A., N. G.	Davis, Geo. E., Treas.	Drummond, E. E.,	Richt A. B., R. S. S.
Crowell, Geo. C., V. G.	Jonas, N., Warden	L. S. N. G.	Steinfels, C. L. S. S.
Nubots, J. T., R. S.	Lyle, A. J., Conductor.	Parmer, L. W., R. S. V. G.	Harris, C., I. G.
Murphy, J. M., T. S.	Mund, Wm., R. S. N. G.	Hall, Hy, L. S. V. G.	Whan, W. W., Chaplain

## LIST OF MEMBERS:

Anderson Nels	Fortro, J. J.	Lambert, C.	Schlessinger, Bert
Bassett, C. F.	Forsman, W. T.	Lathrope, N. E.	Siebecke, L.
Baccus, C. J.	Funke, A., P. G.	Lawyer, W.	Smeens, F.
Balch, Geo. L.	Gesry, J. L., P. G.	Levy, J.	Skinner, F. G.
Bond, A.	Gill, C. M.	Lyle, A. G., P. G.	Smith, H. M.
Borland, J. H., P. G.	Gorman, W. J., P. G.	Makins, J. N., P. G.	Smith, J. P.
Brenhardt, E.	Gray, J. M.	Martinucca, S.	Smith, A. T., P. G.
Bowes, W. E.	Green, F. B.	Moore, J.	Starr, G. R., P. G.
Bryan, J., P. G.	Hall, A.	Mund, W., P. G.	Steindler, J.
Brownlee, S.	Hall, H.	Munter, J.	Steinfels, C., P. G.
Capelli, M.	Halsted, W. A.	Murphy, J. M., P. G.	Sydruk, S.
Capelli, A.	Hammond, W. B.	McCrum, H.	Taylor, R.
Compini, E.	Harris, C.	McDonogh, J.	Telfer, W.
Christensen, M. A., P. G.	Harrison, R. F.	McGahey, R., P. G.	Tilden, H. J., P. G.
Collins, B.	Hedley, I.	McGilvary, J. B.	Ursenbock, L. F.
Cope, J. H., P. G.	Hinkley, O.	McMurray, J. P., P. G.	Varnellas, P.
Coon, J. R.	Hofmann, C. S.	Neimann, H.	Vucanovich, P. L.
Davis, George E.	Hofmann, J.	Nesmith, J. F., P. G.	Ward, A.
Crown, D. S., P. G.	Houston, T. T.	Nichols, J. E., P. G.	Ward, G. B.
Crowell, G. C., P. G.	Jeffries, M. S.	Ogilvie, R. C.	Warsawski, J., P. G.
Dean, J. B.	Johns, J. F.	Palmer, L. W.	Wells, J. A., P. G.
Delmont, F.	Josephson, W.	Petty, D.	Whan, W. W., P. G.
Dibbern, F. C.	Kaucher, F.	Peterson, J.	Wickersham, W. H.
Dondero, C.	Kattuchorn, P. G.	Peterson, C.	White, A. W., P. G.
Dorey, A. O., P. G.	Kemp, W. A.	Prochaska, F.	Whipple, L.
Dozier, C. A.	Kercherall, H. H.	Ratto, B., P. G.	Winthers, J. J.
Drane, Geo.	Kercherall, J. L., P. G.	Rehwald, C. F.	Wollinger, W. P.
Drummond, E. E.	Kinsman, N. W.	Richt, A. B., P. G.	Williams, H.
Epbriam, F.	Krumbeck, C., P. G.	Root, N. T., P. G.	Young, A. A., P. G.
Fiske, H. G.	Lake, E. J.	Ray, C. V.	

## Bloomfield Lodge No. 191, I. O. O. F.

**B**LOOMFIELD LODGE No. 191 was instituted at Valley Ford September 7, A. D. 1871, by M. W. G. Master W. H. Hill, with the following charter members: William Hamilton, A. F. Penim, A. C. Woods, S. N. Hudson, Ed. Hare and William Withrow. In 1875 it was removed from Valley Ford to Bloomfield. During 28 years Bloomfield Lodge has paid out for sick benefits, funeral donations, etc., \$3,736.50. Total assets \$5,096.90

## LIST OF MEMBERS:

Bonaiti, A. J., P. G.	Hoag, O. H., P. G.	Marshall, J. H.	Stump, J. C., P. G.
Baswell, J. H.	Hatton, W. H., P. G.	Martinelli, O.	Stine, C. E.
Brown, F. M.	Holl, W. P.	McAllister, J. A.	Scott, J. A.
Boysen, C. C.	Huntley, J.	Nile, N. P., P. G.	Todd, S. J., P. G.
Bianchini, Gus	Hoag, C.	Jones, Walter, P. G.	Turner, J. A., P. G.
Colburn, B., P. G.	Emenegger, F.	Petersen, C., P. G.	Woodson, W. H., P. G.
Colburn, R. P., P. G.	Lunbaugh, R. A., P. G.	Oliver, J. S.	Warden, C. C., P. G.
Cockrill, B. T., P. G.	Le Febvre, O. M., P. G.	Peerman, M.	Henderson, H. E.
Cannon, L. L., P. G.	Le Febvre, L. A., P. G.	Peoples, J. S.	Pressley, J. F.
Cannon, J. P., P. G.	Mitchell, M., P. G.	Roe, W. F.	Dillman, C. V.
Colburn, O. P.	Jenkins, J. H.	Shiell, F. R., P. G.	Overlin, C.
Davison, H. W.	Johnson, L.	Stanley, J. P., P. G.	
Dellamaria, G. J.	Johnson, H.	Stanley, J. D., P. G.	

## ELECTIVE OFFICERS FOR THIS TERM:

Davison, H. W., N. G.	Overlin, C., V. G.	Woodson, W. H., Sec.	Peterson, C., Treas.
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# Spartan Lodge No. 125, I. O. O. F., San Francisco.

**S**PARTAN LODGE No. 125, I. O. O. F., was instituted on Wednesday evening, October 6, A. D. 1894, by J. H. Simpson, G. M., assisted by the following named Grand Lodge officers: J. F. Crossett, D. G. M. pro tem; C. W. Weston, G. W. pro tem; F. G. Baird, G. S. pro tem; G. W. Lemont, G. T.; J. W. Adams, Grand Marshal pro tem; C. E. Benedict, Grand Guardian pro tem; F. W. Henderson, Grand Conductor pro tem, and M. P. Forbs, Grand Herald.



S. G. McDONALD,  
Noble Grand.



H. F. RAHLMANN,  
Vice Grand.



T. C. LEARY,  
Secretary.

## CHARTER MEMBERS:

Bayle, John, P. G.  
Baraille, John  
Bordenave, Jos., P. G.  
Bell, W. T.  
Bailey, J. S., P. G.

Bareilles, Emile  
Bellegarde, J. B.  
Carrere, J. B.  
Flood, Chas. P. G.  
Godfrey, G. B., P. G.

Kelly, J. P.  
Leary, T. C., P. G.  
Latapie, Peter  
McConnell, Andrew, P. G.  
Maholy, John, P. G.

Peterkin, J. A.  
Rahlmann, H. F., P. G.  
Shaw, Geo. T., P. G.  
Todd, D. B.

## LIST OF MEMBERS:

Artigues, C. A.  
Anderson, C. E.  
Anderson, Carl  
Bailey, J. S., P. G.  
Bayle, John, P. G.  
Bavaille, John, P. G.  
Bordenave, Joseph, P. G.  
Bareilles, Emile, P. G.  
Bareilles, Thomas  
Bareilles, Felix  
Bellegarde, J. B.  
Bas, Prosper  
Carrere, J. B.  
Caubu, Peter, P. G.  
Crockard, R. F.  
Crosby, F. L., P. G.

Cannon, R. F.  
Desrosier, C. H., P. G.  
De Wall, B. J.  
Davis, J. L.  
Duocurno, Filbert  
Flood, Charles, P. G.  
Godfrey, G. B., P. G.  
Guerin, Ernst  
Hare, E. C., P. G.  
Hubacher, John  
Holzinger, William  
Hillou, L. J.  
Kispert, C. F.  
Kottinger, C. M.  
Leary, T. C., P. G.  
Latapie, Peter

Laborie, Alfred  
Legallet, Arthur  
Ludwig, William  
McConnell, Andrew, P. G.  
McDonald, William  
McEvoy, J. J.  
Milly, Jerome  
McDonald, S. G.  
Meinhold, Frederick  
Olofsson, C. F.  
Olympie, Benjamin  
Peterkin, J. A.  
Peterson, J. P.  
Perkins, T. J.  
Petronne, Burt  
Rahlmann, H. F., P. G.

Rasmussen, E. H.  
Rose, J. W.  
Rose, John  
Shaw, Alexander  
Shaw, Geo. T., P. G.  
Seiver, W. T., P. G.  
Salles, Bertrand  
Salomon, I. L.  
Steiner, P. F. E.  
St. Germe, Jacques  
Todd, D. B., P. G.  
Tietjen, Henry  
Warner, W. J. B., P. G.

Spartan Lodge, which is located in the southern section of the city has a small membership owing to the many other orders which have branches there with which it must compete, but it endeavors to uphold the teachings of our benevolent Order, and hopes to always be a vigilant outpost of Odd Fellowship. During the five years of its existence Spartan Lodge has paid out about as much money for donations as for sick benefits, which may be considered as showing the liberality of its membership.



# Unity Lodge No. 131, I. O. O. F., San Francisco.

UNITY LODGE No. 131, I. O. O. F., was instituted Tuesday evening, April 16, 1867, with seven charter members, whose names are as follows: R. W. Coffin, P. G.; S. D. Ingram, P. G.; James Laws, P. G.; G. Tinker, P. G.; J. Bernard, S. Cohen and Morris Colman. Two of the charter members still retain their membership, viz, R. W. Coffin, P. G., and S. D. Ingram, P. G.

The first officers of Unity Lodge elected were: N. G., James Laws; V. G., G. Tinker; Rec. Sec., R. W. Coffin; Treasurer, J. Bernard.

This Lodge during the thirty-two years, which have elapsed since its organization, has admitted to membership 513 members. The present membership is 174. Unity Lodge has paid out for relief and charity \$52,882. The sum of \$6,854 has been paid to one invalid brother, for the benefit of his family.



GEO. P. PRECHTEL,  
Vice Grand.



R. L. SIMPSON,  
Recording Secretary.



W. J. FRENCH,  
Noble Grand.



GEO. W. LEMONT,  
Treasurer.



S. G. CHEEVER,  
Financial Secretary.

George W. Lemont, P. G., has been Treasurer of Unity Lodge for 16 years, consecutively, and S. G. Cheever has held the office of Financial Secretary for 17 years. Of the members of Unity Lodge there is one Past Grand Master, viz, Wm. H. Barnes, P. G. M., of the State of Georgia. C. W. Dannals (now deceased) who was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California in 1870-71, was also a member of this Lodge. Also three Past Grand Patriarchs, viz, E. H. Black, P. G. P. for the year 1883, J. F. Crosett, P. G. P. for 1887, and W. H. Barnes. Brothers Black and Crosett are also Past Brigadier Generals of the Patriarchs Militant of California, and Past Presidents of the Veteran Odd Fellows. Brother W. H. Barnes is Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative; he has been Grand Scribe for six years. Brother Barnes is the oldest Fraternal Society journalist in the world.

Since its organization the Lodge has met Tuesday evening of each week at the hall on Sixteenth and Valencia streets. The officers of Unity Lodge for the term ending December 30, 1899, are as follows:

## PRESENT OFFICERS:

Thatcher, C. R., J. P. G.	Lemont, Geo. W., Treas.	Mohr, H. A., R. S. N. G.	Thompson, S. F., L. S. S.
French, W. J., N. G.	Larimer, A. W., Warden	Archer, Edw'd, L. S. N. G.	Crosett, J. F., Chaplain
Prichtel, Geo. P., V. G.	Robinson, J. M., Con.	Davis, E. J., R. S. V. G.	Fabian, B. W., Organist
Simpson, R. L., Rec. Sec'y.	Cosbie, H. S. C., O. G.	McDonald, J. W., L. S. V. G.	
Cheever, S. G., Fin. Sec'y.	Doherty, Daniel, I. G.	Smith, I. M., R. S. S.	

## LIST OF MEMBERS:

Allan, J. W., P. G.	Thatcher, C. R., P. G.	Hagan, James	Moote, Sam'l
Barnes, Wm. H., P. G. M.	Watson, Dudley L., P. G.	Hale, Fred M.	Mordhorst, John C.
Black, Ed. H., P. G.	Whims, Hiram, P. G.	Hanna, Adam	Mudgett, W. N.
Bicknell, J. W., P. G.	Williams, Wm. H., P. G.	Hastings, Frank W.	Newell, Thos. P.
Brower, Henry O., P. G.	Anderson, Jerome A., M. D.	Hays, Wm. C.	Neilson, Christ N.
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Campbell, James, P. G.	Arnold, Herbert E.	Henermann, Geo. A.	Norris, H. J.
Cheever, S. G., P. G.	Archer, Edward	Hiuckley, Wm. C.	Parsson, Peter
Coffin, R. W., P. G.	Bacmeister, F. C.	Hotte, Geo.	Pepin, James
Corbett, J. C. F., P. G.	Bailey, John	Hudson, John H.	Porter, W. F.
Cox, John H., P. G.	Barnes, W. W.	Igo, James	Prichtel, Geo. P., V. G.
Crosett, Jas. F., P. G.	Brace, Nathan	Irwin, W. F.	Price, Wm.
Davis, Edgar J., P. G.	Brace, Wm. A.	Jacobson, Dr. Iver	Potter, Chas. A.
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Edwards, John, P. G.	Canfill, Elmer O.	Kirsch, Emil	Sandberg, John
Edwards, Wm., P. G.	Chapman, Frank F.	Klinkenborge, Henry	Simpson, Robt. L., R. S.
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Holcomb, Geo. W., P. G.	Desimone, S.	Larsen, Ole	Spaulding, N. H.
Howe, Robert, P. G.	Doherty, Daniel	Lawless, John M.	Spence, Wm. E.
Howell, Thomas, P. G.	Drysdale, M. W.	Lenhart, O. E.	Southgate, Geo. E.
Ingram, S. D., P. G.	Eiben, J. H. E.	Lenterdt, C. T.	Spott, L. H.
Larimer, A. W., P. G.	Eyans, Aaron	Lemmer, Edwin F.	Stewart, J. W.
Lemont, Geo. W., P. G.	Eyans, J. M.	Lindemann, J. H.	Stone, W. H.
Lyons, J. M. J., P. G.	Fabian, Benj. W.	Lindsay, Wm. R.	Strock, Henry J.
Martin, Willard P., P. G.	Faithful, E.	Loderhose, Henry C.	Thompson, John
Mohr, Henry A., P. G.	Fisher, Rev. Philip A.	Long, Robt. S.	Thompson, S. F.
Oshorn, Geo. W., P. G.	Fifield, D. B.	Lucas, Fred A.	Timbrell, J. B.
Robertson, Jas. H., P. G.	Fielder, J. A.	Luther, Geo. E.	Tonjes, Martin
Robinson, J. M., P. G.	Fowler, John	Luttringer, R. J.	Vizard, Henry H.
Seagrave, Ed. F., P. G.	French, Will J., S. G.	Mariani, Stephen	Von Harten, L.
Skelly, John F., P. G.	Gardner, Casper J.	Marks, W. W.	Wagner, John, M. D.
Spinney, S. C., P. G.	Gitsham, Charles	Marshall, Robt. L. H.	Wallin, J. A. L.
Shufelt, Wm. J., P. G.	Goodwin, Geo. W.	Murray, John	Workman, Chas. H.
Thomas, Wm. A., P. G.	Goss, Alfred F.	McDonald, Jno. W.	Young, John C.
Torry, James, P. G.	Grant, R. P.	McIntosh, Robert	
Thomson, Thomas, P. G.	Gray, Ed. W.	McKinney, B. H.	

## Garden City Lodge No. 142, I. O. O. F., San Jose.

GARDEN CITY LODGE No. 142, I. O. O. F., was instituted on March 20, 1868, by the following grand officers, viz: Charles N. Fox, Grand Master; J. A. McClean, Grand Warden; J. Rodgers Johnson, Grand Secretary; Louis Sohr, Grand Treasurer; J. H. Gregory, Grand Guardian; D. B. Woolf, Grand Marshal. The following were the charter members, viz: R. S. Carter, J. P. Backesto, F. T. Risdon, A. P. Hulse, G. W. Kneedler; C. C. Cook, H. E. Hills, R. Scott, C. W. Pomeroy, D. J. Porter, C. G. Button and John H. Gordon. Of the twelve charter members, four are now active members of the Lodge.

Much interest has been taken by the Lodge in degree work, the efficiency of which has been recognized by the Grand Lodge before whom the degree staff of the Lodge has exemplified the degrees on more than one occasion, receiving as a tribute of their work engrossed resolutions under the seal of the

Grand Lodge. P. F. Gosbey, one of its members, has been honored by being elected Grand Master of the jurisdiction for the year 1895-96, and who was subsequently sent as Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Since its institution 516 names appear upon its record of membership, and at present there are 276 active members. The Lodge is not only proud of its record for degree work, but is gratified to know that it has been instrumental in carrying out the teachings and precepts of the Order, by caring for the sick and distressed, and dispensing charity in the channels of Odd Fellowship.

During its existence the following amounts have been expended: Sick benefits, \$38,991.66; funeral expenses, \$7,792.51; charity, \$3,134.13; widows and



P. F. GOSBEY, Past Grand Master

orphans, \$3,204.42; nurse hire, \$1,133.75; current expenses, \$33,824.89; regalia, \$1,183.90, making a total expenditure to June 30, 1899, \$89,265.31. The assets of the Lodge consist of 1,415 shares of the capital stock of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of San Jose, furniture and paraphernalia, making a total valuation of \$15,708.

The following are the present officers of the Lodge, viz: W. E. Coombs, A. P. G.; W. N. Plummer, N. G.; C. H. Ward, V. G.; A. C. Bates, Rec. Sec.; J. R. Bailey, Fin. Sec.; J. J. Cherrie, Treas.; H. B. Fisher, Warden; F. A. Tanner, Cond.; W. C. Hardy, O. G.; J. B. Wyatt, I. G.; C. M. Barker, R. S. N. G.; R. A. Anderson, L. S. N. G.; A. C. Shoup, R. S. V. G.; S. C. Maynard, L. S. V. G.; R. C. Andrus, R. S. S.; L. A. Lombard, L. S. S.; J. L. Vanderwerker, Chap.; S. E. Moreland, P. F. Gosbey and F. E. Smith, Trustees.

## F. L. TURPIN,

NOBLE GRAND OF PACIFIC LODGE NO. 155

Brother Turpin was born in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, in 1847. At the early age of seventeen he enlisted in the Union Army. After serving for the time of his enlistment in the Infantry, he reënlisted in the 21st Pennsylvania Cavalry, where he served until the end of the Civil War. At the close of the War he learned the trade of miller. He was initiated as an Odd Fellow in Valley Lodge No. 636, in his native place, January 12, 1871. Following the course of empire in its westward way, he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, in May, 1871, where he was engaged in the Iron and Bessemer Steel Works for three years.



F. L. TURPIN, Noble Grand Pacific Lodge

In 1874 he arrived in Nevada and engaged in mining. The same year he came to San Francisco and entered the hotel business. He was one of the organizers and is a director of the Columbian Banking Company. He joined California Lodge No. 1, and in 1897 he joined Pacific Lodge No. 155. To this Lodge he has proposed thirty-one candidates. He is a member of Golden Gate Encampment, a Patriarch Militant and a member of Loyal Rebekah Lodge, Vice-President of the Relief Committee, and is a quiet, dignified, broad-minded man, and an active Odd Fellow.



# Pacific Lodge No. 155, I. O. O. F.

PACIFIC LODGE, No. 155, I. O. O. F., was instituted on Thursday evening, March 25th, A. D. 1869, by C. S. HASWELL, M. W. G. M., assisted by the following named Grand Lodge officers: CHARLES N. FOX, P. G. M., acting as R. W. D. G. M., *pro tem.*; JOHN B. HARMON, R. W. G. W.; T. RODGERS JOHNSON, R. W. G. S., and HENRY B. BROOKS, R. W. G. T. The charter members were the following named fifty-four brothers:

Argall, John		Dexter, G. M.		Litton, Wm. H.		Sutherland, Robert	
Bohen, Geo. T.	P.G.	Dyson, Geo. A.		Morrill, O. C.	P.G.	Scott, Wm. G.	
Benson, James	P.G.	Eaton, Alex.,	P.G.	Mann, Chas. H.		Storrs, C. H.,	
Bartlett, Columbus,	P.G.	Gilmore, John H.,	P.G.	McLaren, Daniel,	P.G.	Thomas, S. A.	
Bestor, Henry T.		George, Henry C.		Nolte, Louis H.,	P.G.	Taylor, Wm. H.	
Beckman, Chas. H.		Hicks, Daniel,	P.G.	Park, F. A.,	P.G.	Winterburn, Joseph, P.G.	
Bogle, Joseph H.		Hunter, David		Pierce, James M.		Wyman, John A.	
Birch, Wm. H.		Henderson, John, Jr.		Plummer, John A., Jr.		Weston, Chas. W.	
Brodie, James		Henderson, James		Kollmyer, Wm. A.,	P.G.	Wright, Alfred	
Conrad, Wm. A.		Henderson, Wm.		Ross, Thomas		Weston, S. W.	
Castle, Charles		Iredale, A. S.,		Richardson, Wm. L.		Ward, Edward	
Carter, Henry		Johnson, Peter	P.G.	Spooner, John P.		Woodson, Joseph A.	
Cooper, Eben B.		Langley, Wm. A.,	P.G.	Shanabrook, I. L.	P.G.	Ziegler, J. L.,	P.G.
Dick, Robert		Langley, Charles,	P.G.				



F. D. ASHWORTH, Vice-Grand.



F. P. ASHWORTH, Rec. Sec.



F. L. TURPIN, Noble Grand.



O. C. MORRILL, Treasurer.



E. B. COOPER, Fin. Sec.

Of the fifty-four charter members, fifteen retain their membership, a majority of whom are regular attendants at Lodge meetings. The Lodge motto being "Quality in preference to quantity," progress in membership was not as rapid as it otherwise might have been, but a gradual growth was made, which insured a maximum of respectability and usefulness. At no time exceeding two hundred and four in membership, from that point decreasing (owing to a few years of distress and suffering from business depression) until, in July, 1898, the total membership was one hundred and thirty-nine; since then, by the energetic work of the officers, the membership has again taken an upward turn, now numbering one hundred and seventy, showing a gain of thirty-one within the twelve months ending June 30th, 1899.

During the thirty years of its existence, Pacific Lodge has paid out: for sick benefits, \$50,146; for funeral benefits, \$7,860, and donations, for the relief of others than our own members, \$4,470, and also contributed \$4,034 toward the support of the Odd Fellows' Library, making a total of \$62,470; and has cash assets on hand of \$6,600.

It must be a source of gratification to the members to look back upon such a record. In consideration of these facts, and remembering also that Pacific is but a small Lodge, the average membership for the thirty years being about one hundred and sixty, who can deny the beneficent working of our beloved Order, which, with open hand, is constantly bringing help to the needy, and comfort to the suffering and distressed.

To the Odd Fellow who is conversant with the history of Odd Fellowship in San Francisco, nothing further need be said. To him who has not yet entered within its hallowed portals, and is still lingering upon its threshold, or who may be inquiring "Whether any good thing can come out of Nazareth?" we would say, "Come and see."

## LIST OF MEMBERS:

Achilles, Thomas	Davies, Stephen T.	Jacobs, Leon	Rednall, W. W.,	P.G.
Argall, John	Donaldson, Adam	Kelly, Lewis	Roberts, John	
Anker, Gutenberg H.	Dyer, Richard W.	Keyes, Arthur T.	Roberts, R. H.	
Anderson, James H.	Edmonds, William	King, Charles J.	Russell, John S.	
Anderson, Christen	Ernst, Henry	Kinne, C. Mason	Rein, John W.	
Ashworth, Freder'k D.	Evaus, Chester H.,	Kress, A. H.	Scott, William G.	
Ashworth, Frank P.	Emerson, David	Kurlbaum, William H.	Sellers, James C.,	P.G.
Baird, Robert H.,	P.G. Eastwood, Joseph	Knoche, William D.	Steenberg, C. E.	
Benson, James,	P.G. Elsassar, Charles C.	Kahn, Julius	Smith, Clement	P.G.
Bevilokway, L. M.	Fothergill, James	Kahn, Berthold	Steiger, Alexander	
Birch, William H.,	Furhman, W. F.	Leale, John	Stewart, James F.	
Bohen, George T.,	P.G. Fauser, William	Long, Herman	Sutherland, A. J.,	P.G.
Brackett, Eugene,	P.G. Fauser, George	McAfee, William	Schirmau, R. J.,	
Bridgeman, J. W.,	P.G. Fauser, John	McFarland, B. S.,	P.G. Story, James F.	
Beegle, Charles W.	P.G. Fauser, Henry C.,	P.G. McKenzie, J. H.,	P.G. Suter, Harry S.	
Brodie, James	P.G. Gilmore, John H.,	P.G. McKenzie, Elmer E.	Schade, Henry	
Brunns, Henry H.	Glidden, J. C.	McLean, Alexander D.	Stevenson, John,	P.G.
Braese, Adolph A. L.	Gordon, Henry G.,	P.G. Malcomson, Thos.,	P.G. Smith, Edward W.	
Burns, James S.	Graham, Joseph	Mark, Cecil W.	Sassoe, Paul	
Burke, James C.	Green, Edward,	P.G. Maunson, James	Steinmeyer, Franklin	
Beard, James N., Rev.	Gallagher, Fred. R.	Meyer, Frederich H.	Stephens, Charles A.	
Cedarbloom, John	Graupner, A. E.	Moffitt, John W.	P.G. Speck, John H.	
Chyistrand, Adolph	Hausen, Charles R.	Morrill, O. C.,	P.G. Tilton, W. H.	
Clark, Joseph B.	Hausen, Matthias	Minaker, A. W.	Thompson, John,	P.G.
Crawford, Orlin W.,	P.G. Harris, John F.,	P.G. Matthews, Samuel B.	Thompson, C. A.	
Cooper, Eben B.,	P.G. Harris, Matthew	Magoon, Oscar S.	Turpin, Frederick L.	
Clausen, Wm. H.,	P.G. Harris, Solomon	P.G. Meyer, P. H.,	Thelen, Charles J.	
Cleary, August L.	Haughwout, T.,	P.G. Macdonald, T. H.	Turpin, A. W.,	P.G.
Cone, James E.	Harkness, Edward	Matson, Nels M.	Versolovich, Vincent	
Curran, Daniel J.	Henderson, Wm.	Noble, John	Vance, Samuel H.	
Cedarbloom, A. R.,	P.G. Hensley, Charles P.	P.G. Nolte, Louis H.,	P.G. Wagner, Anton P.	
Christensen, Enavold	Holladay, Sam. W.	P.G. Nopauder, Louis N.	Webb, George	
Cant, William Henry	Hewitt, Edward T.	P.G. Nimprat, Ferdinand	Winterburn, Jos.,	P.G.
Cooper, Charles E.,	P.G. Hatch, Wm. F.	O'Brien, Thos. V.,	Williams, Edward	
Carson, Franklin M.	Hardin, John T.	P.G. Peterson, Oliver J.	Wooster, Fletcher L.	
Cameron, Edward M.	Higgins, Frederick E	Parker, Francis	Wishart, W. A.	
Cate, H. A.	P.G. Hotchkiss, M. E.,	P.G. Peterson, Hans	Williams, R. O.	
Darling, Frank H.,	P.G. Jackson, T. W.,	P.G. Pierce, James M.	Wright, George	
Darling, George L.,	Jorgensen, Alfred T.	P.G. Plummer, John A., Jr.	Wallin, Gustaf	
Dickson, John,	P.G. Jeffress, Albert	Parrish, Henry A.	Wood, Joseph M.	
Davies, James D.,	P.G. Jensen, Jens M.	Pierce, John K.	Whitehead, Joseph A.	
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# Ophir Lodge No. 171, I. O. O. F., San Francisco.

**O**PHIR LODGE No. 171, I. O. O. F., was instituted on June 17, 1870, with the following named 16 charter members: R. M. Black, Z. Birdsall, L. Eppinger, W. F. Foster, J. Hanson, M. M. Baldwin, H. J. Hartnagel, C. S. Healy, L. Soher, G. E. Sloss, T. Stevenson, J. C. Sargent, J. W. Burnham, T. K. Wilson, J. W. Winters and D. B. Woolf. Of the charter members five are living,



G. W. LEEK.



G. A. JOHNSON,  
Noble Grand.



A HOVEY,  
Recording Secretary.



G. W. COLLIER,  
Vice Grand.



T. R. DALY,  
Trustee.



S. MORRIS,  
Trustee.



J. B. RUSSELL.

and still hold their membership. During the period of its existence, a little less than 30 years, Ophir Lodge has paid out for

Sick Benefits .....	\$35,703.76
Funeral Benefits and Expenses.....	5,399.40
General Relief Committee.....	791.54
Odd Fellows' Library.....	3,960.00
Donations .....	3,096.55
Our Present Assets are.....	6,630.38

With a membership of 107 at the present time, the record of Ophir Lodge is one of which we are justly proud, and inspires us with complete confidence for the future. The good we have accomplished in visiting and helping those of our

Order, who, through no fault of theirs, have required assistance, has served to show us more plainly the path of duty and the lines along which we can accomplish the most good. In our intercourse with the world at large we have endeavored to keep before us the emblazoned motto on our banner of Friendship, Love and Truth, and to our friends wishing to unite with us, we would gladly extend the hand of Friendship.

## LIST OF MEMBERS :

Ashim, J. B.  
Black, R. M., P. G.  
Birdsall, Z.  
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Brown, J. B.  
Balzarini, C.  
Burgess, J. E., P. G.  
Bohm, H. R., P. G.  
Boyle, G. E.  
Currie, F. P.  
Crane, C. H.  
Collier, G. W.  
Clark, G. W.  
Drew, H. M.  
Daly, J. R., P. G.  
Dowle, W. G., P. G.  
Epinger, L.  
Ferrini, J.  
Froment, M. A.  
Froment, M. A., Jr.  
Ford, W. O.  
Geist, W.  
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Goldsack, A. A.  
Hanson, S., P. G.  
Heineberg, L. G. M.  
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Howlett, J. C., P. G.  
Hovey, A., P. G.  
Hall, G. W.  
Hottel, J. W.  
Hughes, D. G.  
Harris, L. A.  
Irvine, W. B.  
Iverson, P. A.  
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Johnson, F.  
Johnson, C. A.  
Johnson, N. P.  
Johnson, G. A.  
Johnston, J.  
Jones, E. L., P. G.  
Jaeger, F. W., P. G.  
Knell, R.  
Kerr, T.  
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King, G. J., P. G.  
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Leonard, J. W.  
Lucas, I. S.

Low, G. B.  
Low, T. G.  
Low, J. C.  
Leek, G. W., P. G.  
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Mathers, W. H.  
Martinou, E.  
Matson, W.  
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McMahon, J.  
McDonald, H. F., P. G.  
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Morrow, T.  
Morrison, A. F.  
Morrison, J. R., P. G.  
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Plath, A., P. G.  
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Perry, A. E.  
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Reid, J.  
Rae, J.  
Russell, J. B., P. G.  
Reese, J. W.

Roebuck, T. G.  
Sartori, A. P.  
Stevenson, T., P. G.  
Sundberg, P. G.  
Spooner, J. F.  
Smith, H.  
Swanson, A.  
Schock, G. R.  
Tilden, C. L., P. G.  
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Vickerson, J. M.  
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Watson, C., P. G.  
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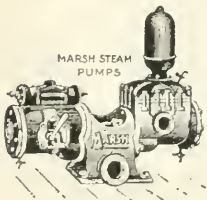
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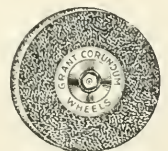
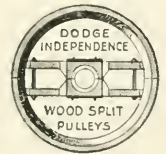
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OCCEIDENTAL LODGE No. 179 I. O. O. F. was instituted in Covenant Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, San Francisco, on Friday evening, September 16, 1870, by C. W. Dannals, M. W. Grand Master, assisted by H. S. Hyland, District Deputy Grand Master; H. B. Brooks, Grand Treasurer; Lewis Soher, Past Grand, Acting Grand Secretary; A. J. Gunnison, Past Grand Representative, Acting Grand Warden; F. P. Dann, Past Grand, Acting Grand Marshal; G. C. Walker, Past Grand, Acting Grand Guardian.



J. L. HUPHAM,  
Vice Grand.



THOS. TIPPETT,  
Recording Secretary.



S. G. WHITNEY,  
Noble Grand.



A. H. BOSTICK,  
Financial Secretary.



A. S. WISSWELL,  
Treasurer.

The charter members were:

Thos. H. Brooks, P. G.	O. P. Robie	S. S. Burt	J. A. Haugh
Chas. B. Putnam, P. G.	D. C. Smith	A. McBoyle	John Landers, Jr.
W. F. Dorrance, P. G.	J. M. Bursell	W. G. Halstead	S. L. Hartmeyer
D. W. Grant	A. Ludorff	C. G. Jones	C. E. Cloyes

The following officers were elected and installed to hold office for the term ending December 31, 1870:

T. H. Brooks, Noble Grand	J. M. Bursell, Permanent Secretary	W. D. Grant	} Trustees
O. R. Robie, Vice Grand	A. Ludorff, Treasurer	C. B. Putnam	
D. C. Smith, Recording Secretary		W. F. Dorrance	

The appointed officers were:

W. G. Halstead, Warden	D. W. Grant, R. S. to N. G.	S. L. Hartmeyer, L. S. to V. G.
A. McBoyle, Conductor	W. F. Dorrance, L. S. to N. G.	R. Frank Clark, R. S. S.
A. S. Coffman, Inside Guardian	S. S. Burt, R. S. to V. G.	J. Minor Taylor, L. S. S.
		C. B. Putnam, J. P. G.

Dispensations having been granted by the M. W. Grand Master, twelve candidates were proposed, elected and initiated, and one as nonaffiliate.

Names of the members in good standing:

Wm. J. Atthowe  
 William E. Aber  
 Wolter M. Allen  
 John T. Adcock  
 E. Atthowe  
 Clarence B. Bailey  
 R. L. C. Barnes  
 Ashland H. Bostick  
 Forest H. Blanding  
 David Betwick  
 Merritt B. Bostick  
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 Robert Brown  
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 Martin Dow  
 Charles E. Doughty  
 George E. Davis  
 John O. Doane

Henry J. Eaton  
 Emile Elmquest  
 William T. France  
 Daniel G. Fraser  
 Arthur J. Foster  
 William Grasshoff  
 Charles H. Gerrine  
 Robert Grasshoff  
 C. H. Godfrey  
 James Gardner  
 Willard G. Halstead  
 Edward H. Houghton  
 John W. Hamilton  
 Wm. W. Hanscom  
 Paul Heinecke  
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 H. Hansen  
 J. D. Harman  
 Stephen D. Ives  
 Frederick G. James  
 Charles M. Jenkins  
 Peter C. Jurs  
 Charles J. Kaighin  
 William Leviston  
 T. B. Longley  
 Cornelius Leonard  
 John Landers  
 Thomas Lewis  
 Thomas Longworth

L. R. Larzelere  
 Edward T. Morris  
 William Martin  
 Alexander McBoyle  
 George W. Mack  
 Charles V. Manier  
 John E. Markley  
 Frederick S. Mayhew  
 Thaddeus H. Mead  
 William Milner  
 John J. McDonald  
 James L. Mosher  
 James McKinley  
 J. B. Morris  
 N. J. McKibbon  
 David Newell  
 Arthur D. Newell  
 Louis Oesterman  
 John Olsen  
 Charles S. Peck  
 Wm. G. Piller  
 William Patterson  
 Hans Peterson  
 J. N. Paulsen  
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 Edward K. Rockwell  
 Edward B. Read  
 Thomas D. Riodan  
 S. H. Richards  
 Wm. S. Rea

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Occidental Lodge has striven to build up a membership of solid business men, sacrificing always numbers to quality. The standard of membership in this Lodge has been the family; recognizing the Lodge as their home, each member has vied with the other in creating a pleasant atmosphere, where, after the business cares of the day have been laid aside, a social hour might be spent with pleasure and satisfaction, returning to the domestic circle at an early hour with agreeable thoughts and higher ideals.

Generosity and open handedness has been one of the chief characteristics. No worthy claim has ever been filed before this Lodge and refused. The idea prevails not only to visit the sick and to relieve the distressed, bury the dead, educate the orphans, shelter the aged of both sexes, who have failed in the battle of life, build character in the youth, but to aid and assist those in need whenever and wherever they are able to do so.

Careful business management has distinguished this Lodge for many years, and no business proposition can pass the keen, shrewd business eye of the managers of Occidental Lodge unless it is commercially sound. During the twenty-nine years of its existence the Lodge has paid out in sick benefits \$33,187, for funeral benefits \$3,441.75, and for charity \$2,925.10. The total number of members at this time is one hundred and nineteen. The Lodge is progressive and thoroughly versed in all that pertains to the initiatory work, intellectual, in every respect, the officers are competent guardians of the Lodge's interests.

S. G. Whitney, the Noble Grand of Occidental Lodge, was born in New York, came to California in 1862, spent his early days in Sierra County, where his father was made an Odd Fellow in 1854 by R. H. Taylor, presiding as Noble Grand. Brother Taylor was the first Noble Grand of California Lodge No. 1, and subsequently removed to Downieville in Sierra County.

Brother Whitney has held positions in the Auditing office of the United States Custom House for several years, has resided in Virginia City, Nevada, and there engaged in newspaper work and held clerical positions of trust, been connected with all the notable mining magnates of the Comstock. He is a genial whole-souled and energetic Odd Fellow. He is a Veteran, taking an active part in the affairs of the Association. Brother Whitney conceived the idea that the Degree Master A. K. Kingsford was entitled to recognition for the impressive manner in which he did the work in the Degree Lodge, and, following out this idea,

designed a beautiful jewel, gathered the money, by subscriptions, from the Lodges of San Francisco, purchased this jewel, and made the presentation speech, much to the satisfaction of all interested.

## PRESENT OFFICERS—ELECTIVE:

Richards, S. H., A. P. G.  
Whitney, S. G., N. G.

Hupman, J. L., V. G.  
Fippett, Thos., Secretary

Bostick, A. H., Financial Secretary  
Wiswell, E. S., Treasurer

## PRESENT OFFICERS—APPOINTED:

Mack, G. W., Warden  
McKinley, Jas. M., Conductor  
Sutcliffe, J., Inside Guard  
Schutz, F., Outside Guard

Piller, W. G., R. S. N. G.  
McKibben, W. G., L. S. N. G.  
Toepfer, A., R. S. V. G.  
Campbell, W. G., L. S. V. G.

Toepfer, E. J., R. S. S.  
Gardner, J., L. S. S.  
Dow, Martin, Chaplain

## Harbor Lodge No. 253, I. O. O. F.

HERE assembled in Masonic Hall, West Oakland, on Saturday evening, September 9, 1876, a small body of men called together by the following named Odd Fellows for the purpose of laying plans to have a Lodge of Odd Fellows instituted in West Oakland: H. D. Underwood, W. H. Wilkinson, W. C. Eddings, Geo. Clark, John Foster, B. S. E. Williams, Henry Davies, Thomas Parkinson, M. M. Kelly, W. H. Cowen, J. M. Young and others.

Bro. Underwood was selected Chairman and Bro. Eddings Secretary. At the meeting, and at several subsequent meetings, committees that had been appointed to arrange for charter, hall, paraphernalia, etc., made their reports and recommendations. It was decided that this Lodge should be called "Harbor," and meetings to be held on Wednesday evening in Masonic Hall (same having been leased for one year). That the Lodge would be instituted on Wednesday evening, October 18, 1876, with twenty-three charter members on that evening. H. I. Tilden, Grand Master, assisted by J. B. Harmon, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire; W. B. Lyon, Grand Secretary; C. N. Fox, P. G. M.; E. Bangle and D. K. Swain, D. D. G. Masters, instituted in regular form Harbor Lodge No. 253, I. O. O. F., the following being charter members:

## CHARTER MEMBERS:

Underwood, H. D.  
Langford, Thomas  
Carothers, J. T.  
Davies, Henry  
Bullock, J. C.  
Young, J. M.

Cook, W. F.  
Wilkinson, W. H.  
Hughes, W. A.  
Clark, George  
Long, L. H.  
Fisher, A. D.

Kelly, M. M.  
Parkins, Thomas  
Chase, I. A.  
Gerrish, I. L.  
Cowen, W. H.  
Williams, B. S. E.

Taylor, B. I.  
Roach, Peter.  
Foster, John  
Price, James R.  
Kohler, E. F.

After the business of electing the officers, etc., all adjourned to the Banquet Hall, where the prosperity and good luck was toasted by the several visiting brothers. At this time the brothers did not realize that they were laying the foundation for the most active, energetic Lodge in Alameda County. Such, however, it has proven itself to be, as shown by the following extracts taken from the reports filed by the Secretaries, covering twenty-two years, or 45 terms of Harbor Lodge: there has been paid out for sick benefits, \$17,287.45; relieving 389 brothers for funeral benefits, \$2,083.56; for charity and relief of widowed families, \$980.15. Grand total for relief and charity, \$20,806.10. Number of members December, 1898, 175. Assets December, 1898, \$6,851.43. This is a record that members of Harbor feel proud to show, for they know and realize the good they have done for their more unfortunate brothers.

The members of Harbor are mostly railroad employees, and find it incon-

venient at times to attend, although off duty they will attend Lodge, there being an average attendance of thirty members every meeting. The Degree Team of Harbor Lodge, under the guidance of P. G. James Rye, has gained a reputation for itself, especially in the second degree, which has to be seen to be appreciated. This team is always willing to assist any Lodge in the degree work, for during the past two years, Harbor has conferred this work for all the Lodges in Alameda County, Healdsburg and San Francisco Lodges.

There are enrolled, and, who still take an active interest, some six of the charter members: P. G. Henry Davies, P. G. J. C. Bullock; Bros. John Foster, Thos. Langford, W. F. Cook and Geo. Clark—"Scrap," as he is more familiarly known—the Grandpa of Harbor being the most active, energetic charter member. He is always present at the meetings, and is ever watchful of the Treasury. Without Grandpa Clark the "push" would hardly know what to do, for he always goes to take care of them upon the occasion of a fraternal visit.

Harbor Lodge had enrolled at last report, July, 1899, 175 members. There has been initiated during part of the new term, five members, making a total membership of 180 members September 20, 1899.

#### OFFICERS FOR THE 46TH TERM:

Keller, F. W., N. G.	Menges, A. F., V. G.	Gove, C. A., I. G.
Crossman, John, P. G., R. S. N. G.	Miller, H. W., R. S. V. G.	Bullock, H. C., P. G., O. G.
Ammerman, Chas., L. S. N. G.	Conlon, Chas., L. S. V. G.	Andrews, C. W., J. P. G., Trus
Gove, F. L., P. G., Rec. Sec.	Rye, Jas., P. G., Fin. Sec.	Yates, Robt., P. G., Trus.
Neal, W. W., P. G. Treas.	Neilson, F. J., Chaplain	Schwartz, H., P. G., Trus.
Coke, P. S., Warden	Fount, W. J., Conductor	Clark, Geo., Trus.
Kahrs, W. A., R. S. S.	Davis, E. W., L. S. S.	

#### LIST OF MEMBERS:

Adams, Samuel, P. G.	Davis, H. B., P. G.	Jensen, J.	Paul, G. A., P. G.
Adams, John Ray	Davis, C. F.	Johns, C. T., P. G.	Pettingell, D. R., P. G.
Ammerman, Henry J., P. G.	Davis, E. W.	Jones, H. A.	Phillips, J. W.
Amernman, Chas. F.	Davies, Henry	Kahrs, W. A.	Phillips, J.
Anderson, Olaf	Deckard, S. A.	Kaiser, A.	Pierre, E. A., Initiatory
Andrews, C. W.	Detjens, A.	Kaiser, F. G.	Price, W. F.
Andrews, J. E.	Drummond, W. H.	Kaiser, T. F.	Putney, E. F.
Angwin, J. A.	Eagles, R. W.	Keiser, C., P. G.	Quigley, W. B.
Armstrong, S. G.	Edwards, W. J.	Keller, F. W.	Read, E. G.
Avan, William J.	Eiben, F. G.	Langford, T.	Rogers, E. A., P. G.
Baker, A. W.	Emery, John	Lare, G. F., P. G.	Rottermundt, H.
Baldwin, Ebenezer,	Englebright, H. Jr., P. G.	Lar Rien, E. A.	Rickert, F.
(Initiatory Deg.)	Evers, J. H.	Lauffes, J.	Richardson, D.
Barnes, J. L., P. G.	Evers, E. H. L.	Lewis, E.	River, J. J.
Bartley, S. P.	Farley, C. M.	Lowell, F.	Rye, Jas.
Beal, F. D.	Faunt, W. J.	Ludlow, W. B., P. G.	Schwaiz, H., P. G.
Bear, W. A.	Foster, John	Luhr, W. F., H.	Schick, M.
Bishop, G. D., P. G.	Garner, W. L., P. G.	Maddocks, J. K., P. G.	Scott, J.
Bishop, J. N.	Gaskin, Walter	Medros, J. J.	Sherman, W. H.
Boardman, J.	Gove, E. V., P. G.	Mellus, N. S.	Slavin, J. T.
Borders, W. D.	Gove, F. L., P. G.	Menges, A. F.	Talbot, E. J., P. G.
Bruhning, E. G. H., 1st D.	Gove, C. A.	Mensen, H.	Taylor, C. F.
Broderick, C. W.	Graf, H.	Mighels, R. R.	Taylor, J. H.
Boyer, E. T.	Graham, R. G., P. G.	Miller, H. W.	Teneycke, Wm.
Buchanan, W. A.	Graham, R. S.	Miller, P. L.	Thomas, W. J.
Bullock, H. C., P. G.	Graham, E. J.	Mitchell, G. A.	Thompson, F. B.
Bullock, J. C., P. G.	Hall, A. J.	Monck, R. C.	Thurman, E. W.
Burger, F. E., P. G.	Hall, J. H.	Moore, C. M.	Van Borden, B. H.
Burkhalter, Chas.	Hamilton, F., P. G.	Morrison, J.	Waage, J.
Burns, Jas. McK., P. G.	Hanby, P. N.	Murphey, J. J.	Walters, V.
Carroll, Geo. W., P. G.	Herlitz, C. F., P. G.	McDonald, John F.	Watkins, H. W.
Casovia, Peter	Herlitz, Robt.	McDonald, Jas. F.	Waterman, C.
Clark, Geo.	Hirst, H. N.	McGuire, E.	White, E. J., P. G.
Coke, P. S.	Hoberg, P.	McGuire, T.	Whitemore, J. K., P. G.
Comstock, H. W.	Hodkins, E. C., P. G.	McGuire, W. F.	Willoughby, S. M.
Conlan, Chas.	Howie, Robert	McKay, D.	Wilke, H. J.
Cook, F. W.	Hughes, H. M.	McLeod, A. M.	Wilkes, F.
Cook, W. F.	Hughes, Robert	McKeen, A. A., P. G.	Wilkes, W. E.
Corliss, E. M.	Hyatt, O. C., P. G.	McKeen, J. H., P. G.	Wisensell, J.
Crockard, W. J.	Innes, J.	Neal, W. W., P. G.	Witt, H. B.
Crossman, John, P. G.	Jackson, F. F., P. G.	Nelson, W. H.	Woodal, Jas.
Crossman, E. J.	Jackson, M.	Neilson, F. J.	Worthington, J.
Crossman, W. T.	Jackson, W. J.	Nilson, N.	Yates, Robt., P. G.
Cripps, H. T., P. G.	Jennings, F. W., Sr.	Nor, A. J.	
Curran, R. A.	Jennings, F. W., Jr.	Owens, O. J.	
Dalton, H. P.		Pangtom, C. W.	

Lodge meets every Wednesday evening in Fraternity Hall, Seventh and Peralta streets, West Oakland.



# Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 194, I. O. O. F. SAN FRANCISCO.

**C**OSMOPOLITAN LODGE No. 194, I. O. O. F., was instituted in Covenant Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, San Francisco, December 13, 1871, by Grand Master William H. Hill, assisted by Grand Secretary T. Rodgers Johnson, Grand Treasurer H. B. Brooks, and a full corps of Grand Officers pro tem. The Lodge had thirteen charter members and twenty-four applications for membership on the night of institution, nine of whom were initiated on that evening.

The Lodge has paid \$38,834.56 for benefits and relief since its institution, has sustained well the dignity of our glorious Order. The present officers of the



JAMES J. LOGGIE, Past Grand.

Brother Loggie was born at New Brunswick in 1852 and came to California in 1876, he engaged in the lumber business in San Francisco, and later became President of McKay & Company, owners of the Occidental Lumber Mills. Brother Loggie was initiated in Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 194, I. O. O. F., some twenty years ago, passed all the Chairs, was initiated into Unity Encampment, passed all the Chairs in this body. Has represented his Lodge in the Grand Lodge, and is a member of the Grand Encampment. In 1898 was appointed one of a Special Committee of three, to investigate the climatic and other conditions of the I. O. O. F. Home at Thermalito, and made an able and comprehensive report, going into details fully, he has given this question careful study and understands the subject-matter thoroughly. In the early days of the old Uniformed Patriarchs, Brother Loggie was an active member. At no time has he ever been a candidate for office in the Order, yet his friends and admirers have frequently mentioned his name for position. Of a thorough practical turn of mind Brother Loggie deals with all questions from a business point of view, yet when the question of fraternal work is under consideration he gives his time, talents and money freely and with a heartiness that does one good; always courteous, he is popular among his fraters, business associates and employees.

Lodge are: William M. Meuser, Noble Grand; John G. Campbell, Vice Grand; A. J. Cleary, Recording Secretary; W. W. Peck, Financial Secretary; E. Maginnis, Treasurer; J. J. Loggie, A. H. Cousins, E. H. Hart, Trustees.

Brother Cleary of this Lodge has for years been one of the painstaking members of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates. J. J. Loggie, a highly individualized gentleman, was one of the members of the special committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to investigate the climatic and all other conditions surrounding the Odd Fellows' Home at the Grand Lodge Session of 1898, presenting a report evincing much patient research.

This Lodge has ever been faithful in all matters pertaining to Odd Fellowship.

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
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# Ventura Lodge No. 201, I. O. O. F.

VENTURA LODGE No. 201, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Spear's Hall in the Town of San Buenaventura, California, on February 28, 1872, by District Deputy Grand Master Crowson Smith. The following were the charter members and members admitted on the evening of institution, viz: Henry Robinson, Jno. A. Barry, E. A. Edwards, M. T. Wells, Andrew Clemens, Andrew Jackson, Chas. S. Preble, Frank Perkins, C. Christsen, David Grove and E. M. Jones. The Lodge was organized, and elected the following officers: Henry Robinson, N. G.; E. A. Edwards, V. G.; Chas. Preble, Sec.; E. M. Jones, Treas.; I. N. Crosby, Warden; David Grove, I. G.; Jno. A. Barry, R. S. N. G.; Frank Perkins, L. S. N. G., who were duly installed. The following brothers were admitted by card: J. W. Rosenberg, J. W. Goodwin, P. V. McCarty, J. N. Crosby and W. H. Suytar. The following were admitted by initiation: Wm. Barnett, M. Boukofsky and Joe Richardson.



HUGH HENRY, Noble Grand

Since the organizing of the Lodge the following have been admitted up to June, 30, 1899:

Number of Charter Members.....	16	
Number Initiated.....	201	
Number Admitted by Card.....	59	
Number Reinstated .....	15	291
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Number Died.....	15	
Number Withdrawn.....	30	
Number Expelled.....	1	
Number Suspended for N. P. D.....	136	182
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Number of Members June 30, 1899.....109

This Lodge has always been regarded as exceptionally generous and charitable with its members and brother Odd Fellows, and has paid out for relief and charity since its organization nearly \$8,000.

Total Value of Property, Paraphernalia, etc.....	\$1,690.00
Cash on Hand and at Interest.....	2,873.80
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Total Assets.....	\$4,563.80



The present officers are: Hugh Henry, N. G.; J. R. McKenzie, V. G.; E. H. Ireland, Rec. Sec.; Wm. H. Granger, Fin. Sec.; Paul Charlebois, Treasurer; A. Norman, Warden; F. P. Hoy, Conductor; E. W. R. Isensee, I. G.; F. E. Jones, O. G.; Peter Bennett, R. S. N. G.; J. J. Streets, L. S. N. G.; M. E. V. Bogart, R. S. V. G.; Hugh Gibson, L. S. V. G.; A. S. Kenagy, F. P. Hoy, M. E. V. Bogart, Financial Committee; Jno. Hund, L. F. Webster, Peter Bennett, Trustees.

At the present time but one of the charter members remains a member of the Lodge, and that one is Past Grand Joseph Richardson, who still attends regularly, and who has held every office in the Lodge.

## Kernville Lodge No. 251, I. O. O. F., Kernville.

**K**ERNVILLE LODGE No. 251, I. O. O. F., was instituted September 4, 1876, by E. Cohn, D. D. G. M., with the following charter members: Samuel D. Thurston, John R. Palmer, Swan P. Nelson, Charles C. Hickisch and William



Richards. The first officers elected were: S. D. Thurston, N. G.; J. R. Palmer, V. G.; S. P. Nelson, Treasurer, and G. W. McEwen, Per. and Rec. Secretary. Six candidates were initiated at the first meeting, and, as the weeks went by, additions were numerous and the Lodge prospered numerically and financially.

During 1882 the membership began to decline, and in 1884 some talk was had of surrendering the charter. In 1885 meetings were very irregular, and at one meeting seven members were suspended for nonpayment of dues. In the first term of 1886 meetings were held once a month. From August 19, 1886, to December 4, 1897, eight meetings were held at which no quorum was present or could be obtained, owing to removals; however, a sufficient number of brothers kept up their dues, and so held the charter. In 1891 a destructive fire visited the town, and much Lodge furniture and some regalia was burned. In 1876 the



furniture and regalia was valued at \$1,283. On the 18th of December, 1897, the Lodge admitted to membership eight by initiation and one by card. Since then Kernville Lodge has been steadily growing, and at the present time has thirty-seven members. One hundred and thirteen have signed the constitution.

Since the Lodge was instituted it has relieved 47 brothers, and paid 295 weeks' sick benefits amounting to \$2,011; funeral benefits amounting to \$299; for the relief of widowed families, \$472; for charity, \$76; making a total for relief and charity of \$2,858.

The present condition is thriving and prosperous, the members are young, the Lodge is growing, and much interest is being taken in the good work.

## Western Addition Lodge No. 285, I. O. O. F. SAN FRANCISCO.

WESTERN ADDITION LODGE No. 285, I. O. O. F., was instituted on August 20, 1879, at Hamilton Hall, at the corner of Steiner and Geary



G. FRANTNER,  
Vice Grand.



F. HOLTUM,  
Treasurer.



D. REES,  
Noble Grand.



W. F. LEE,  
Financial Secretary.



J. R. MCLEAN,  
Recording Secretary.

streets, in that portion of San Francisco known as the "Western Addition," with the following

### CHARTER MEMBERS:

Aaron, David  
Bauer, Emile  
Blake, James W., P. G.  
Cooper, A.  
Freese, Wm. H., P. G.

Freiermuth, George A.  
Fried, David  
Hartman, Max, P. G.  
Hastings, Benjamin  
Hilton, P. E.

Koch, C. F. H., P. G.  
Meyer, Adolph  
Milman, John  
Taylor, John J.  
Wiener, M.

Eight of the charter members still survive and continue their connection with the Lodge. The institution ceremonies were conducted by the then Grand Master Geo. A. Case, assisted by Grand Secretary W. B. Lyon, Acting Deputy Grand Master J. H. Applegate, Jr., afterwards Grand Patriarch; Acting Grand Marshal

E. P. Smith, afterwards Grand Master; Acting Grand Con. E. H. Black, afterwards Grand Patriarch, and others. The first officers of the Lodge were: Noble Grand, Jas. W. Blake; Vice Grand, David Fried; Rec. Sec., Emile Bauer; Per. Sec., Geo. A. Freiermuth, and Treas., Adolph Meyer.

Western Addition Lodge grew rapidly and soon numbered over one hundred members. It continued to meet at Hamilton Hall until after the completion of the Odd Fellows' Temple at Seventh and Market streets, when it removed to the new building,—and there it is still domiciled. Its members were enthusiastic, and soon obtained a reputation for hospitality and good ritualistic work; and they still exhibit with pride the trophy and first prize which was awarded to their Lodge by the Odd Fellows' Literary and Social Club in a spirited competition of the San Francisco Lodges before that organization, for the best rendition of the Initiatory Degree. During the twenty years of its existence Western Addition Lodge has paid out:

For sick benefits.....	\$11,728.70
For funeral expenses and funeral benefits.....	1,149.00
For donations to members and widowed families....	1,693.85
For donations to others, including Relief Committee	270.30
For nurse hire, etc.....	182.25
For support of Odd Fellows' Library.....	1,520.50

Making a total relief, charity, etc., of.....\$16,544.60

which does not include the moneys paid for current expenses.

The Lodge now has assets of the value of about \$10,000. of which \$5,925.51 is in cash.

#### LIST OF MEMBERS:

Anderson, A. A.	Freiermuth, Geo. H., P. G.	Lee, Wm. F., P. G.	Strandell, Chas. V.
Aaron, Victor	Fenn, Lawson T., P. G.	Lee, Earnest A.	Smith, Alfred
Bankson, G. B.	Gainey, Trimble C.	Lawrenson, Henry	Snidermon, Max
Baar, James L., P. G.	Gray, John H., P. G.	McKenna, Jos. D.	Taylor, John J., P. G.
Ballinger, J. A.	Goldsmith, Gaston, P. G.	McLean, Jos. R., P. G.	Trantner, Gus A.
Bauer, Emile, P. G.	Gaffney, Geo.	Meyer, Adolph, P. G.	Thornton, Geo.
Benjamin, Nathan	Gradwohl, David	Milman, John	Thorpe, Robert C.
Brady, Thos. F.	Halvorsen, Nils	Moses, Montague T., P. G.	Tuggey, Arthur W.
Bramah, Alfred	Haas, Leonard	Marston, Frank W.	Turner, Edward Q., P. G.
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Bottamley, Chas.	Howe, Edward, P. G.	Nowell, Howard W., P. G.	Wechsler, Isaac
Borden, Wm. L.	Hulten, August	Offer, Chas.	Winterburn, Geo. F., P. G.
Bell, Henry R.	Hasselgren, Chas.	Page, Chas. A.	Wilson, Abraham
Burke, James J.	Hillson, Ezerah P.	Pilsbury, John F.	Wisler, Julius W.
Carlson, Frank O.	Hardee, John F.	Petersen, John N., P. G.	Wollert, Ernst, P. G.
Clay, Clement C.	Irwin, David, P. G.	Pike, Francis H.	Wood, Israel
Clements, Wm.	Isaacs, Samuel, P. G.	Rees, David	Wessling, Wm. H., P. G.
Conklin, John, P. G.	Jens, August E.	Rees, Harry	Wessling, Henry C.
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Corinson, Jacob, P. G.	Johanson, Andrew	Rasmussen, Chas.	Woolley, Robert M.
Corinson, Nathan	Jansen, Chas. N.	Scheer, Henry C.	Welch, Allen
Corinson, Simon	Knott, Wm. E., P. G.	Stein, Henry C.	Wagner, Chas. E.
Dörner, Chas.	Koch, Conrad F. H., P. G.	Spanton, James	Wood, Geo.
Elmqvist, J. R.	Lask, Harry J., P. G.	Shoop, Jos., P. G.	Wetche, Chris. F.
Emrick, Wm. J., P. G.	Levy, Adolph	Schroeder, Chris, P. G.	Weder, Wilhelm
Fried, David	Lundberg, Nils P.	Scheel, Julius, P. G.	Zipp, Frederick

## Sargent Lodge No. 368, I. O. O. F., San Francisco.

**S**ARGENT LODGE No. 368, I. O. O. F., was instituted on Friday evening, May 1, 1891, in "Memorial Hall," I. O. O. F. Building, Seventh and Market streets, by W. H. Blunden, D. D. G. M., assisted by Walter B. Lyon, Grand Secretary, and other members of the Grand Lodge. The charter members of the Lodge were the following named brothers: Geo. W. Dixon, P. G.; Alex Hay, P. G.; Wm. F. Curran, Wm. A. Walker, Andrew J. Duncan, Jacob M. Briggs, Anthony J. Hatfield and Thos. P. Ball.

On the evening of institution of the Lodge seventy-seven new members were initiated. The officers of California Lodge No. 1, Yerba Buena Lodge No. 15 and Fidelity Lodge No. 222 performed the work of initiation, and conferring of the degrees in a very creditable manner before a large audience of members of sister Lodges. The advent or admission of Sargent Lodge into the grand army of Odd Fellowship was warmly received by members of the fraternity.

Sargent Lodge derives its name from the late Aaron A. Sargent, Senator of the United States and ex-Minister to Germany, an able and active member of the Grand Lodge of this State for many years. The enthusiasm manifested at the institution of the Lodge has been maintained, the membership at no time has exceeded one hundred and thirty-six. The number at present being one hundred and eighteen. Though having lost a few members since organization, the Lodge is in a flourishing condition, having assets of nearly eight thousand dollars.

The Lodge has always taken good care of its sick members, and responded liberally to all calls or appeals for assistance to worthy causes, and the members of "Sargent" feel proud of the record made during the few years of the existence of their Lodge.

The meetings of the Lodge are held on Friday evenings in Eureka Hall, and are usually well attended and made interesting by the officers and members. Visiting members are made to feel at home and are always welcome.



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Vice Grand.



G. LATHROP,  
Financial Secretary.



W. O. MACDOUGALL.



G. W. DIXON,  
Secretary.



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| Alatorre, Guillermo Z.    | Epstein, Max                | Kroon, Peter Nelson       | Rogers, Harry             |
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| Astredo, Humbert A.       | Elder, James                | Lathrop, Guy              | Sample, Robert A.         |
| Brennan, John E.          | Enright, Joseph             | Ludwig, Charles L.        | Sassise, Jules De         |
| Burkholm, Henry           | Forsyth, John               | Lang, Charles E.          | Sidlowski, Abraham        |
| Bennet, Richard           | Finkenstein, Isaac          | Leffler, John, P. G.      | Stinson, John Coplin      |
| Briggs, George S.         | Fenton, James               | Lyon, William W., P. G.   | Snyder, Fred C.           |
| Beck, William T., P. G.   | Gross, Alfred G.            | Layton, Walter Troy       | Sidlowski, Manuel         |
| Briggs, Jacob M., P. G.   | Gremmler, Conrad, P. G.     | McLaughlin, John          | Sidlowski, David          |
| Ball, Thomas P.           | Goldstone, Morris           | Mortenson, George         | Suerstedt, Henry          |
| Bishop, William H.        | Gallick, Max                | Macdougall, Wm. O., P. G. | Steinachs, Albert         |
| Brooks, John W.           | Goodall, Charles, P. G.     | Max, Aaron                | Schindler, Joseph         |
| Brown, William W.         | Gordon, Luther D.           | Martin, Magnin, L.        | Smith, Frank E., P. G.    |
| Beck, Edward L.           | Griffith, Christopher       | Manter, Louis             | Sullivan, Thomas H. J.    |
| Byers, James D.           | Hennings, Adolf             | McPike, Harry H.          | Springett, Arthur A.      |
| Brown, John J.            | Hay, Alexander, P. G.       | Mullen, William W.        | Shaw, George A.           |
| Corbin, Thos. H.          | Hatfield, Anthony J., P. G. | Myers, Henry              | Triechel, Frank           |
| Christensen, Claus P.     | Harrington, William E.      | Monteith, George W.       | Thompson, Walter G.       |
| Cooper, Chas.             | Holtz, Albert L.            | Miller, Ferdinand         | Weiss, Jeremiah           |
| Coleman, Thomas J.        | Hobson, Charles R.          | Neumann, Mark, P. G.      | Wigert, David             |
| Curran, William F., P. G. | Holcomb, Charles H.         | Newforth, Charles         | Wherry, George Franklin   |
| Cooper, Morris            | Howes, Henry Carpenter      | Norcross, Orville         | Wilson, John H.           |
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| Clayton, Samuel F.        | Hanna, William Thomas       | Nail, George C.           | Williams, Wm. Alfred      |
| Cox, William A., P. G.    | Johnson, Gust.              | North, John H.            | Westphal, Frederick W.    |
| Cox, Charles E.           | Jonas, Isidore              | Pohlsen, John H.          | Walton, Francis           |
| Dixon, George W., P. G.   | Johnson, Andrew             | Painter, Ernest A.        | Walker, William A., P. G. |
| Duncan, Andrew J., P. G.  | Journeyne, Albert           | Roeder, William Edward    |                           |
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# San Mateo Lodge No. 265, I. O. O. F.

## SAN MATEO, CAL.

BY JOHN MORTON, Past Grand

**S**AN MATEO LODGE No. 265, I. O. O. F., was instituted on the evening of October 6, A. D. 1877, by Geo. A. Case, Grand Warden, assisted by W. B. Lyon, Grand Secretary; W. H. Gardner, D. D. G. M., and quite a number of Past Grands. The charter members, eight in number, were as follows: P. G. Allen, T. F. Anderson, T. Bartlett, P. G.; G. H. Fisher, P. G.; C. Jacobson, L. Jasznsky, L. Jacobson and L. D. Morse. Of the eight original charter members, we have only one left, our venerable Chaplain, P. G. L. D. Morse, who has been an active member of the Order since 1846, having been initiated in Rahmay



G. CHRISTIANSON.



W. R. SCHNEIDER.



H. WIEGERSON.



J. T. JENNINGS.



L. D. MORSE.



W. C. ALT, SR.

### OFFICERS OF SAN MATEO LODGE.

Lodge. Rahmay, N. J., in that year. We have still with us an active member in Brother P. G. W. C. Alt, Sr., who was to have been initiated on the same night that the Lodge was instituted, but time would not permit. In our list of Past Grands we have in addition to those whose portraits appear on this page the names of Major Hanford, Chief Paymaster Southern Pacific Company; John McLaren, Superintendent Golden Gate Park; John A. Soule, Superintendent Spring Valley Water Co's lakes; Chas. J. Robinson, Assistant Paymaster Southern Pacific Company; R. H. Jury, proprietor and editor of the San Mateo Leader, the leading journal of the county.

The membership of this Lodge has never exceeded 50, probably on account of the smallness of the territory from which its members have been drawn. While the membership of the Lodge is small, their material worth, for the advancement of Odd Fellowship, is proven by the fact, that starting from the beginning in 1877, with a capital of \$500 borrowed money from the Mother Lodge of the county, Bay View Lodge No. 109, and in the year 1887, through fire our Lodge

lost everything with the exception of the Bible, we stand to-day housed in a 50x90 two-story stone and brick building of our own, which in appointments and detail are complete. In common with all Lodges in this State, our members are much scattered. On account of the loss of our early records by fire it is impossible to arrive at correct amounts of receipts or moneys paid out for sick benefits or relief of worthy members, but no member in sickness or distress has ever been neglected.

While San Mateo Lodge No. 265 can look back with pride upon the results of her own work, they feel that their success has been in no small measure due to the fact of their being a representation of the grand body of the Grand Lodge of the State of California, under whose jurisdiction Odd Fellowship has always been administered in its broadest gauge.

## Berkeley Lodge No. 270, I. O. O. F.

**B**ERKELEY LODGE No. 270, I. O. O. F., was instituted on the 20th day of February, 1878, by Grand Master F. P. Daun, assisted by Grand Warden



J. G. WRIGHT,  
Vice Grand.

B. E. UNDERWOOD, JR.,  
Past Grand.

JOS. CHAPPIE,  
Treasurer.

GEO. L. WILCOX,  
Noble Grand.

W. B. CHASE,  
Secretary.

W. W. Case, Grand Secretary W. B. Lyon, Past Grand Masters Wm. H. Barnes and L. L. Alexander, D. D. G. M. Geo. W. Lewis, and others, with the following charter members: L. H. Anthony, I. A. Boynton, Joseph Chappie, Wm. Ellis, Joseph Funnell, Saml. C. Clark, F. H. Payne, Geo. D. Metcalf, Frank J. Ryus,

F. B. Tarbett, Geo. S. Tallman and John Woolley, P. G. The first elective officers were F. H. Payne, N. G.; S. C. Clark, V. G.; Geo. S. Tallman, Rec. Sec.; F. J. Ryus, Per Sec., and Joseph Chappie, Treasurer.

Its first Lodge home was in a small hall, corner Berkeley Way and Shattuck Avenue, which it occupied until 1885, when, a larger hall being required, it was decided to build. Accordingly a hall association was incorporated with 10,000 shares capital stock of one dollar each, the sale restricted to members of the Order. A lot was purchased, and the building which the Lodge now occupies was erected, costing furnished nearly \$10,000. A majority of the stock has been held by the Lodge from the first and more has been purchased from members as its circumstances would permit, until it now holds 7,300 of the 10,000 shares.

The growth of the Lodge has not been rapid, but in the main it has been healthy, numbering among its membership the best citizens of this University Town. It is well equipped with paraphernalia for doing the Lodge work, and its degree team, under the able management of Drill Master C. A. Geirrine, has more than a local reputation.

The Lodge has expended for relief and charity during the twenty-one years of its existence over \$20,000, and besides the hall stock and paraphernalia has an amount of money on deposit sufficient for working purposes. The Lodge meets every Thursday evening, and has a good attendance.

#### LIST OF MEMBERS :

Acheson, Wm. J.	Edgar, James	Lund, E. A.	Sorenson, H. R. N.
Alden, E. R.	Ellis, Wm.	McIntosh, Wm. A.	Schuster, G. A., P. G.
Appleton, Wm.	Fischel, Simon	Marshall, J. A.	Spear, Chas. H.
Armstrong, F.	Fischel, Chas.	McClain, Jos., P. G.	Spencer, John, P. G.
Bauml, Jacob E.	Fleming, Thos.	Meinheit, L. P.	Stein, L. L.
Borkheim, S. H.	Foy, John M.	Merrill, A. B., P. G.	Streightf, J. E., P. G.
Borkheim, Louis	Funnell, Jos., P. G.	Meyer, R. G.	Stricker, Geo., P. G.
Boynton, I. A., P. G.	Graber, Thos. F., P. G.	Mohr, C. D.	Striker, J. W., P. G.
Boyd, Thomas P.	Graves, Fred	Mohr, Geo. L.	Stubenrauch, A. V.
Broad, A. H., P. G.	Geirrine, C. A., P. G.	Morris, Abner	Scalione, Antone
Brotherton, T. G.	Geirrine, M. P., P. G.	Mortimer, W. J.	Stoddard, Fred P.
Brown, Chas. R.	Gordon, E. J.	Pape, G. L. C., P. G.	Tallman, Geo. S., P. G.
Bull, B. P., P. G.	Gordon, James	Pape, John H.	Thompson, F. B.
Bowers, L. T.	Ghiglione, Frank	Pape, Wm. E.	Thompson, Geo.
Chappie, Jos., P. G.	Greig, Robt., P. G.	Payne, F. H., P. G.	Tobin, D. J.
Chick, Guy H.	Griffith, H. B.	Penfield, Guy P.	Underwood, B. E., P. G.
Cole, Elma K.	Guenther, C. F.	Peterson, H. A.	Wilkes, Samuel
Cohn, J. I.	Hann, Thos., P. G.	Peterson, H. F.	Wilcox, Geo. L.
Cornelius, D., P. G.	Hartkop, H.	Phillips, W. J.	Woolley, John, P. G.
Colwell, J. A.	Hood, E. Lyman	Pfunda, O. J.	Woolsey, W. P., P. G.
Chase, Wm. B., P. G.	Holtzer, J. F.	Pries, R. F. W. B.	Worster, Wm. D.
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Davis, Joseph, P. G.	Jacobson, J. N.	Remond, P.	Wright, J. C.
Davis, Chas. W.	Kerns, C. T., P. G.	Ripperdam, H. D.	Wright, J. G.
Day, Harry A.	Kerns, N. T.	Rowell, H. N., P. G.	Wyckoff, H. C.
Dirchsen, Herman	Kuhlken, M., P. G.	Ryus, F. J., P. G.	
Driggs, E. J.	Lawrence, Don	Sather, J. P.	
Eastman, J. S.	Little, C. S.	Sheridan, Phil, P. G.	

## Farnsworth Lodge No. 95, I. O. O. F.

### SAN FRANCISCO.

FARNSWORTH LODGE No. 95, I. O. O. F., was instituted at San Francisco September 28, 1895, by Grand Master P. F. Gosby, assisted by a full corps of Grand Officers. The first officers elected by the Lodge were: N. G., Henry Knobel; V. G., Watson W. Topping; Treasurer, Charles G. Bennett; Secretary, George R. Weeks; Past Grand Master, George H. Morrison.

#### CHARTER MEMBERS :

Anderson, Winslow	Green, John W.	Munro, John M.	Towo, Chas.
Ayer, Clarence E.	Hextrum, Chas. A.	Nauntun, Robt. H.	Walters, Wm. J.
Balliech, Mitchell	Holland, Thos. D.	Patterson, R. H.	Wall, A. N.
Bush, A. N.	Hubbs, Chas. N.	Patton, Chas. L.	Weeks, Geo. R.
Connelly, Rich. M.	Hughes, Rich. J.	Phillips, Wm. J.	Williams, Thos. A.
Farnsworth, Ed. P.	Knobel, Henry	Rapp, Geo. A.	Wilson, Geo. N.
Flint, N. E.	Morrison, Geo. H.	Topping, W. W.	

After the institution of the Lodge and the ceremony of inducting the newly elected officers into their various positions, thirty candidates were initiated. The Grand Officers, together with the invited guests of the Lodge, numbering in all several hundred members of the Order, repaired to the Cafe Zinkand, where an elegant banquet was spread, after which speeches were indulged in by several prominent members of the Order; and at half past three o'clock in the morning all retired to their homes feeling that the new Lodge would be a success, and a useful adjunct to Odd Fellowship in San Francisco.

This Lodge bearing the name of one of the most honored members of the Order, Past Grand Sire Farnsworth, was organized through the instrumentality of the following named brothers: A. N. Bush, P. G.; Henry Knobel, P. G.; Geo. N. Wilson, P. G.; Wm. J. Phillips, P. G.; Geo. R. Weeks, P. G.; and W. W. Topping; all of Templar No. 17. They held several meetings before they announced



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Vice Grand.



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Noble Grand.



C. G. BENNETT,  
Treasurer.



G. R. WEEKS,  
Secretary.

their intentions to the Order. There are among the members of this Lodge several who have been prominent in all the walks of life. The Lodge has one Past Grand Master in the person of George H. Morrison.

One of the distinguishing features of Farnsworth Lodge has ever been its sociability. When a visitor enters this Lodge every member seems to take special delight in shaking him by the hand, and making him feel at home; one feels the pulse of Friendship, and realizes the atmosphere of good fellowship. This is done without any embarrassment to the visitor, and makes him feel like coming again. In visiting the sick they are exceedingly punctilious. Their present membership consists of one hundred in good standing. The Lodge owns a library which was donated by Mrs. Farnsworth, widow of the brother whose name the Lodge bears. The present assets of the Lodge amount to \$3,000, and consist of money in the bank.



The present officers are: J. P. G., Thos. D. Holland; N. G., Wm. J. Waites; V. G., Wm. I. Brobeck; Treas., Chas. G. Bennett; Sec., Geo. R. Weeks; Warden, John M. Munro; Conductor, Harry Hansfield; O. S. G., Edwin Pearson; I. S. G., Chas. M. Emerson; R. S. N. G., Nathan E. Flint; L. S. N. G., Clark C. Bradford; R. S. V. G., Edward Brown; L. S. V. G., Irving Watson; R. S. S., John W. Green; L. S. S., Ernest E. Drees; Trustees, Rich. T. Marsh, Nathan E. Flint and W. W. Topping. The Representatives to the Grand Lodge have been George H. Morrison, Past Grand Master, from the date of institution to the present time, and, at the last session of the Grand Lodge, Thomas K. Kase was elected, the present Representatives being Brothers Morrison and Kase.

This Lodge has not been in existence long enough to show a long record of financial expenditures, but those who have been sick, and the distressed whose wants have been relieved, and the friends and relatives of those who have entered into their reward, know that no act enjoined by the teachings of the Order has been left undone.

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## Golden West Lodge No 322, I. O. O. F. SAN FRANCISCO.

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**G**OLDEN WEST LODGE No. 322 was instituted on Thursday evening, June 4, 1885, by the following Grand officers: Nathaniel Cook, Grand Master; C. T. McEachran, Deputy Grand Master; L. W. S. Downs, Grand Warden; W. B. Lyons, Grand Secretary; G. W. Lamont, Grand Treasurer; W. F. Norcross, Grand Marshal; W. E. Lutz, Grand Conductor.

### CHARTER MEMBERS:

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Anderson, J. H.	Early, J. A.	Le Fevre, J. P.	Pittenger, J. Y.
Anderson, M. O.	Fellows, L. L.	Larose, G. B.	Rodgers, J. H., P. G.
Burnheimer, F. E., P. G.	Finigan, J.	Loth, F.	Shea, J. C.
Bruening, E. W.	Griffith, G. B.	Mann, F., P. G.	Simoni, P. M.
Belser, J.	Grupe, H.	McGrath, J. A., P. G.	Sauer, A.
Bingham, A.	Horan, J. D.	Mahe, G.	Thoms, J.
Crowley, T. J., P. G.	Hanson, F.	Nye, A. E. J.	
Cochran, J.	Johnston, J., P. G.	Nash, J. W.	

In addition to the charter members, thirty-seven candidates were admitted by initiation, making a total membership of seventy-one. The success which attended the institution of Golden West Lodge has followed it continuously up to the present time, and now with a membership of 153, whose average age is not over 36 years, and who (thanks to the conscientious manner in which the examining physician and investigating committees have done their duties) are seldom on the sick list. It presents inducements to young men contemplating joining an Odd Fellows Lodge not surpassed by any other fraternal order in the State.

During its existence of nearly 15 years, the Lodge has expended for relief and charity \$9,500, a considerable portion of which has been donated for charity alone, and has at present net assets amounting to over \$15,000, a financial statement to which the Lodge points with pride. The present elective officers are J. P. Whitney, N. G.; G. H. Andrews, V. G.; Clarkson Dye, Rec. Sec.; W. H. Manuell, Fin. Sec.; F. R. Parker, Treas.; Chas. Stallman, W. L. Owen and J. N. Nash, Trustees.

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 Bergerot, P. A.  
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 Black, R. C., P. G.  
 Barnhart, G. W.  
 Breese, F. F.  
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 Burr, G. W.  
 Bushby, Geo. B.  
 Bahrs, John J.  
 Bingley, L. B.

Belser, J. J.  
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 Colludi, G. D.  
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 Chapin, Geo. E., P. G.  
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 Dixey, W. F.  
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 Ellis, R. H.  
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 Simoni, M. P.  
 Sauer, A.  
 Spencer, T. W. C.  
 Stallman, C., P. G.  
 Smith, S. G.  
 Scott, J. H., P. G.  
 Shillcock, H. J.  
 Sandahl, C. A.  
 Stidston, A. W.  
 Stevens, D. E.  
 Scott, H. V., P. G.  
 Smyth, S. P., P. G.

Streibich, Stephan  
 Tauner, W.  
 Traynor, J.  
 Thrane, J. H.  
 Thrane, F. T.  
 Terry, I. C.  
 Turner, A. V.  
 Terrill, J. G.  
 Treantifle, C.  
 Treyer, E. J., P. G.  
 Van Brunt, W. R.  
 Vigouroux, J.  
 Williams, E. D.  
 Walker, J.  
 Wood, E. M.  
 Whitney, J. P.



HENRY A. FAIRBANKS, District Deputy Grand Master

Henry A. Fairbanks was born in Fitchburg, Mass., December 1, 1868, and came to California in January, 1888. He joined Grass Valley Lodge No. 12, I. O. O. F., in February, 1895; was elected Noble Grand in 1898 and served two terms. At the session of the Grand Lodge, May, 1899, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master.



DAVID SANFORD CARTWRIGHT

Brother David Sanford Cartwright, who has been engaged in business in this city for nearly a quarter of a century, was born at South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana, on February 5, 1810, a son of William and Sarah (Smith) Cartwright. About 1843 he was taken by his parents to Osage County, Missouri, and in 1846 he removed to Ottawa County, in that State, and subsequently they went to Polk County, Iowa, where he received his education in a Public County School. In 1851 they went to Dallas County, Iowa, and in 1860 he came to California. In 1865 Brother Cartwright came to San Francisco, and on May 9, 1871, he started in the teaming business, which he has always followed, on his own account, at the location he has always occupied, at the corner of Main and Mission streets. He was first married on April 9, 1839, and the second time on May 3, 1881. Brother Cartwright has been a member of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 194, I. O. O. F., since January 3, 1871. He has one son, William M., who is associated with him in the teaming business.



HENRY S. MARTIN, Past Grand

Brother Martin is a native of San Francisco, where he was born forty-two years ago. He was initiated in Franco-American Lodge No. 207, December 6, 1883; served as Noble Grand of the Lodge in 1887, and has been a member of the Grand Lodge since 1888. For many years he has held the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West. A warm-hearted, genial brother, capable and rustworthy in all respects. His election as Sheriff of the County of San Francisco attested his popularity.



JACOB J. NAGLE, Past Grand

Brother Jacob J. Nagle was born in Mount Joy, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1845. He came to California in 1875, and became a member of Nietos Lodge No. 197, May 1, 1884. Passed the Chairs and was representative to the Grand Lodge in 1889. He has been present at nearly every session since. Was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District 93 by C. N. Jenkins, 1889; John Glasson, 1890; J. N. E. Wilson, 1891; George W. Stockwell, 1892; J. W. Warboys, 1896; A. M. Drew, 1897; Karl C. Brueck, 1898; W. A. Bonyne, 1899. As Special Deputy he instituted Walnut Grove Lodge No. 376, May 6, 1892, and has been the Recording Secretary of the Lodge since. He is also a Past Chief Patriarch of Orange Grove Encampment No. 31, at Los Angeles, and Secretary of Eastern Star Rebekah Lodge No. 56, located at Downey. Brother Nagle has served on the Instruction Committee in the Grand Lodge a number of years, and is considered a general all-around good Odd Fellow.





FRANK E. SMITH, Past Grand

Frank E. Smith, P. G., became a member by initiation in Sargent Lodge No. 368, I. O. O. F., May 1, 1891, the date Sargent Lodge was instituted, but owing to his active application with other fraternal organizations he did not take an active part in Odd Fellowship until January, 1894, when he was appointed Chaplain. July, 1894, he was appointed Inside Guardian. January, 1895, he was appointed Right Supporter of the Vice Grand. July, 1895 he was appointed Conductor. January, 1896, he was installed as Vice-Grand. July, 1896, he was installed as Noble Grand, and in January, 1897, took his seat as the acting Past Grand of his Lodge. In December, 1896, he was elected Trustee for the term of eighteen months. In June, 1898, he was reelected as Trustee for the full term. July, 1897, he was appointed Right Supporter of the Noble Grand. He has occupied that Chair almost every Friday evening from July, 1897, to the present time, having been appointed by each successive Noble Grand. He was elected as representative to the Grand Lodge of California, I. O. O. F., and attended its sessions in 1897, 1898 and 1899. While passing through the principal Chairs of his Lodge, he was for the term of one year a delegate to Excelsior Degree Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., and to the General Relief Committee, I. O. O. F., and while a member of these bodies he attended all meetings of both that were held during his term. He became a member of Excelsior Degree Lodge in January, 1896, and was appointed First Assistant Degree Master in February, 1896, and in June, 1896, he was elected Deputy Degree Master. He became a member of the General Relief Committee, in January, 1896. In February, 1896, he was elected Vice-President of the Committee and in July, 1896, he was elected President, which office he filled to the end of his term.



AUGUSTUS J. DOYLE, Past Grand

Brother Augustus J. Doyle, Past Grand of Apollo Lodge No. 123, and Past President of General Relief Committee of San Francisco, was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, 1859. Initiated a member of Apollo Lodge September 13, 1895. Appointed Inside Guard December, 1895, Right Side Supporter January, 1896, Conductor, July, 1896. Elected Vice Grand December, 1896; elected Vice-President of General Relief Committee February, 1897, of eighty-ninth term, and unanimously elected President of General Relief Committee August, 1897, of ninetieth term. Appointed Right Supporter Noble Grand December, 1897. You will meet him on the floor of his Lodge room at every meeting unless prevented by sickness or business. Brother Doyle is salesman for O'Connor, Moffatt & Co., a deservedly popular gentleman.



ABRAHAM JONAS

Abraham Jonas was born in Germany in 1855, came to the United States in 1875 and located in Oakland where he established himself in the clothing business at 1063-1065 Broadway, Oakland, Cal. He was initiated in Vowaris Lodge No. 313, when that Lodge was instituted; was a charter member of Hecker Lodge No. 49 and was the first Vice Grand, and was elected Noble Grand at the beginning of the new term, thus becoming a Past Grand in a few months after the institution of the Lodge; about two years since this Lodge was consolidated with University Lodge No. 141, and Brother Jonas is now a member of that Lodge; has been several times elected to represent his Subordinate Lodge in the Grand Lodge, and is now a member of that body; is a member of Golden Link Rebekah Lodge No. 105; is a Past Grand President of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith; is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Rathbone Sisters; Brother Jonas is the oldest member, in point of service, in the First Hebrew Congregation of Oakland, as a director of church and Sunday school, being continually re-elected for the past twenty years. He is a prominent and public-spirited citizen and business man, always ready with voice and time and money to aid any laudable enterprise that redounds to the good of the community, and is an ardent Odd Fellow and good friend.



A. A. WALDIE, Past Grand

Brother Waldie is a member of San Joaquin Lodge No. 151 and D. G. M. of District No. 49; is a member of the Rebekah Lodge and an active worker for the cause of Odd Fellowship.



M. P. HOLMES

Brother Holmes has been an Odd Fellow for 41 years, having been initiated in the town of Marion, Ill., 1858. In 1862 he became a member of California Lodge No. 1 by deposit of card, and has ever since maintained his membership. For many years he has been engaged in the manufacturing business, his specialty being carriages.



LOUIS HAMMERSMITH

Brother Louis Hammersmith, whose photograph is herewith produced, is one of the many good and true Odd Fellows, who have identified themselves with this Jubilee Celebration, and one of the very active workers in the organization whose efforts have contributed to its success.

Brother Hammersmith was born in the City of San Francisco on the 22d day of March, 1858, and, as will be seen, is in the prime of his manhood. For many years he has been the trusted and confidential bookkeeper in the extensive and prosperous jewelry establishment of Hammersmith & Field on Kearny Street.

He entered Apollo Lodge No. 123, I. O. O. F., on the 15th day of October, 1888, and immediately took an active part in the working of the Lodge. He successively passed the Chairs of Inside Guardian, Right Supporter of the Vice Grand, Warden, two terms as Conductor, Vice Grand, Noble Grand, Junior Past Grand and Chaplain, and is now occupying the Chair of the Right Supporter of the Noble Grand.

Brother Hammersmith is a representative Odd Fellow, warm in his friendships, true to its interests, exceedingly good tempered, and earnest in his efforts to push forward and promote the true virtues of our beloved Order.

Brother Hammersmith is a member of the Committee on Decorations, and it is largely to his efforts that the Hall at Seventh and Market streets has been so beautifully and tastefully decorated with electric lights, flags, etc.

We bespeak for our Brother a long and useful life, and we feel assured that so long as we have on guard Brothers of kindred traits the Order generally will never go backward.



NAT. T. COULSON, D. D. S.

Murphy Building.

Brother Coulson occupies a series of rooms with eight windows facing on our principal thoroughfare, 1236 Market Street, corner Jones Street, and six of these are set apart for actual dental practice, with six operating chairs. Dr. Coulson was born at Penzance, County of Cornwall, England. Left an orphan at an early age, he had to make his own way through the world. He came to the United States in 1874 and finally settled in San Francisco in 1877. He graduated from the Dental Department of the State University, taking the degree of D. D. S. in 1883. He possesses several pieces of fine suburban property that are very valuable and steadily increasing in value as residence tracts. Brother Coulson joined Fidelity Lodge No. 222, I. O. O. F., in 1881, and Templar Rebekah No. 19 the following year; is ex-director of the Union League Club and was treasurer of the Liberty Club. Dr. Coulson is unassuming and inspires immediate confidence which wins a large number of friends outside as well as in the Order of I. O. O. F. We learn he contemplates temporarily to retire from practice in the near future and tour the world, taking in the Paris Exposition. As the Doctor is as yet a bachelor, we suggest —

## OAKLAND

REBEKAH LODGE No. 16  
I. O. O. F.

Meets every Saturday night at Gier's Hall, 14th Street, between Washington and Clay. Oakland.

Present officers are :

- ANNIE STRASBERG, Noble Grand.
- GRACIE McPHAIL, Vice-Grand.
- EDNA N. CLARK, Recording Sec'y.
- SARAH J. KNIGHT, Financial Sec'y.
- SAMUEL P. KNIGHT, Treasurer.
- ANNIE THOMPSON, Past Noble G'nd.
- ELIZABETH CRONK, Chaplain.

Membership July 1, 1899, is 123.

# Golden Gate Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F.

## SAN FRANCISCO.

**G**OLDEN GATE ENCAMPMENT No. 1, I. O. O. F., instituted February 1, 1853, by Samuel Parker, D. D. G. S., and chartered by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

### CHARTER MEMBERS:

Gihon, John H., P. C. P.	Graham, E. W., P. C. P.	Stahl, C. G., P. C. P.	Schmidt, August
Robertson, Wm., P. C. P.	Cobb, H. A., P. C. P.	Iredale, A. S., P. H. P.	Ryan, L.
Johnson, T. Rodgers, P. C. P.	Dexter, P. D., P. C. P.	More, N. W., P. H. P.	Young, James
Norcross, Daniel, P. C. P.	McLaren, Dan., P. C. P.	Smiley, James	White, Philo

### FIRST OFFICERS:

Smiley, James, C. P.	Young, James, S. W.	Moore, N. W., J. W.	Ryan, L., Guide
Norcross, Daniel, H. P.	Iredale, Alfred S., Treas.	Johnson, T. Rodgers, Scribe	Graham, E. W., O. S.
		Getz, S., I. S.	



S. L. HEYWOOD,  
High Priest.



W. E. DUBOIS,  
Chief Patriarch.



H. G. GEORGE,  
Scribe.



A. H. NOWELL,  
Junior Warden.



C. E. AYER,  
Senior Warden.



C. E. BENEDICT,  
Treasurer.

Golden Gate Encampment in its forty-six years of existence has admitted to membership nine hundred and thirty members, many of them prominent in the Order and municipal, State and National affairs. Such as Past Grand Patriarch, James A. J. Bohlen, Samuel Parker, (W. T. Galloway), Columbus Bartlett, James F. Crosett, Chas. N. Fox, J. Henry Applegate, Jr., Past High Priest A. S. Iredale, Past Grand Masters and P. G. R. Samuel Parker, H. M. Houston, Charles N. Fox, L. L. Alexander, R. H. Lloyd, J. A. McClelland, David Loud-erback, Nathan Porter, Past Grand Rep. C. J. Collins, Past Grand Sire E. D. Farnsworth.

Many of its members figured conspicuously in the early history and settle-ment of San Francisco. Charles A. Sumner at one time represented California in the Congress of the United States, having been elected at large.

The Encampment has paid out for relief of its members, etc., the sum of \$172,540. Among its assets are one thousand three hundred and eighty (1,380)



shares of O. F. Hall stock; seventy-five (75) shares of Lincoln Stock, and ten thousand dollars of Montgomery Avenue bonds.

This sketch would not be complete without noting the fact of the consolidation of Good Will Encampment No. 83 with Golden Gate Encampment No. 1 I. O. O. F. on July 27, 1895.

Good Will Encampment No. 83 instituted May 7, 1888, by P. G. P. James F. Crosett, acting for the then Grand Patriarch A. R. Lord.

#### CHARTER MEMBERS:

Balwin, James T. Desimone, S.	Dubois, William E. Freeland, William W.	Lilenthal, Herman Miller, Matthew	Mershon, Lewis C. Thompson, Arthur V.
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#### FIRST OFFICERS OF GOOD WILL ENCAMPMENT:

Dubois, Wm. E., C. P. Freeland, Wm. W., H. P. Lilenthal, H., S. W. Thompson, A. V., Scribe	Hilton, F. C., Treas. Brott, Wm. H., J. W. Mayer, J. W., Guide Marsh, Geo. H., 1st W.	Holmes, J. R., 2d W. Thrane, J. H., 3d W. Secor, W. A., 4th W. Tharp, R. C., 1st G. of T.	Gleason, E. O., 2d G. of T. Vizard, H. H., O. S. Bonnetti, A., I. S.
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Initiated thirty-four candidates the night of institution. Present membership of Golden Gate Encampment, one hundred and six.

#### LIST OF MEMBERS:

Alexander, L. L., P. G. M. Asher, A. B., P. G. P. Bohen, Geo. T., P. G. P. Barnard, I. D., P. C. P. Bridgeman, J. W., P. C. P. Benedict, C. E., P. C. P. Benedict, J. S., P. C. P. Burke, J. C., P. C. P. Cooper, E. B., P. C. P. Crossett, J. F., P. G. P. Clifford, U. S. G., P. C. P. Crossett, W. I., P. C. P. Dubois, W. E., P. C. P. Dow, Hezakiah, P. C. P. Foster, J. A., P. C. P. Foster, J. H., P. C. P. Flanders, Eugene, P. C. P. George, H. C., P. C. P. Gleason, E. O., P. C. P. Harris, J. F., P. C. P. Heywood, S. J., P. C. P. J. M. J., P. C. P. Lyle, A. G., P. C. P. Morrell, O. C., P. H. P. Norcross, D., P. G. R. Parent, C. L., P. C. P. Pinkham, J. F., P. C. P.	Stahle, C. A., P. C. P. Schmalz, P. A. F., P. C. P. Sumner, C. A., P. C. P. Tilden, H. J., P. C. P. Winterburn, Joe, P. C. P. Ayer, J. G. Ayer, C. E. Anderson, W. J. Bergland, H. Becker, Wm. Brace, Nathan Brobeck, W. I. Chase, J. B. Carter, T. S. Christian, C. Critchlow, R. G. Cashire, A. D. Conklin, John Dauskin, G. D. Dickinson, J. D. Dodge, R. F. Ephriem, F. Edgar, R. W. Foster, F. W. Firth, J. B. Fabian, B. W. Feldhusen, N. J.	Gunnison, A. J. Grason, A. H. George, N. M. Hatch, Wm. F. Hendricks, W. F. Harrington, W. E. Henerman, G. E. Jesse, G. R. Jacobs, Albert Johnson, Rix A. Jamisou, W. R. Jeffers, M. S. Jr. Kampi, F. W. Loncks, Geo. P. Layton, J. C. Libbing, H. H. Lloyd, R. H. Leach, Jno. Larsen, H. B. Mills, D. J. McColl, Wm. Moorman, J. C. Mund, Wm. McCluskey, L. E. Mesmith, J. F. Nichols, F. H. Nowell, A. H.	Ott, J. W. Peterson, L. N. Reed, J. S. Reilly, J. H. W. Ratto, Chas. Rich, O. Reardon, N. Spooner, J. P. Seymore, A. Scott, A. W. Staples, D. J. Schulz, Louis Spaulding, A. Sparrow, A. R. Sweeney, T. U. Sandburg, Jno. Stempke, F. Schloen, J. D. Spearr, E. Sassoe, Paul Shirman, Ralph J. Smith, Cornelius M. Turpin, F. L. Vizard, H. H. Walpole, T. E. Wilson, Chas. Winter, J. W.
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## Union Encampment No. 11, I. O. O. F.

### GRASS VALLEY.

**U**NION ENCAMPMENT No. 11, I. O. O. F., was instituted in the village of Rough and Ready, Nevada County, on the 1st day of May, 1857, by R. W. Senior Warden David Kendall, with W. J. Tilley, C. R. Edwards, E. McLaughlin, A. C. Kein, E. C. Webster, Geo. Grant and W. C. Ault as charter members. E. C. Webster is still an active member, and is the only one of the above now in the Encampment.

In 1860, on the 6th day of July, the Encampment was moved to Grass Valley. On the 19th day of February, 1863, it was again moved, and this time to Nevada City, where on the 8th day of November of that year it lost all its property in the fire that destroyed the business part of the city, saving only the



records, charter and seal. After this calamity it struggled along until the 17th day of March, 1865, when it surrendered its charter.

On the 3d of November, 1866, the charter was reclaimed and the Encampment resuscitated and located in the City of Grass Valley. From this time the Encampment has been prosperous, and from it sprang Abou Ben Adhem Encampment located at Moore's Flat. Afterwards moved to North Bloomfield. Since surrendered its charter owing to the suspension of hydraulic mining and the consequent departure of the members. From it also was started Mistletoe Encampment of Nevada City, now one of the most active in the State. The largest membership during the history of the Encampment was in the term ending December 31, 1888, there being at that term 76 members.

Several who have been members of Union Encampment have obtained advancement in the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment. Notably, Charles Marsh, Grand Representative; E. W. Roberts, Grand Patriarch in 1869-70; A. A. Sargent, Grand Representative; T. R. Kibbe, Grand Master in 1861-62; C. W. Dannels, Grand Master in 1870-71; A. R. Lord, Grand Patriarch in 1887-88; I. W. Hays, Grand Patriarch in 1877-78; John Glasson, Grand Master in 1890-91; R. D. Gummoe, present Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment; Frank G. Beatty, Grand Representative. The present membership is sixty-nine. The officers are:

Clinch, W. A., C. P.  
Richards, James C., H. P.  
Rowe, E., S. W.  
Glasson, John, Scribe  
Harris, W. D., Treas.

Harry, C. H., Jun. W.  
Sampson, Jas. M., O. S.  
Buckett, W. H., I. S.  
Gummoe, R. D., Guide  
Webster, E. C., 1st W.

Pascoe, John, 2d W.  
Sampson, M., 3d W.  
Hooper, Wm., 4th W.  
Stile, Thos., G. of T.  
Uren, Stephen, G. of T.

Bee, Wm., Trustee  
Glaister, Wm., Trustee  
Clinch, W. A., Trustee

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING, P. C. P.

Austin, A. M.  
Beatty, Frank  
Bee, Wm.  
Dille, S. H.  
Glasson, John  
Gummoe, R. D.  
Glaister, Wm.

Hays, I. W.  
Harris, W. D.  
Lakenan, J. M.  
Lane, C. F.  
Mitchell, T. T.  
Pascoe, John  
Penhall, B. A.

Parsous, W. E.  
Sampson, Martin  
Selegar, John  
Thomas, W. R.  
Thomas, John R.  
Temby, Wm.  
Webster, E. C.

Werry, John  
Brav, Wm.  
Reed, W. E.  
Clinch, W. A.

R. P. D. MEMBERS.

Stile, Thomas  
Sampson, J. M.  
Aver, John  
Abraham, F. R.  
Buckett, W. H.  
Brockington, T. H.  
Brockington, Charles  
Clinch, C. E.  
Carter, Jno. A.  
Collicott, R. J.  
Clymo, Wm.  
Fairbanks, H. S.

Dulmaine, A.  
Freeman, A.  
George, Wm.  
Griffeths, A.  
Gates, J. H.  
Henwood, James  
Henwood, Samuel  
Harry, C. H.  
Harris, A. N.  
Hosken, W. H.  
Hore, James  
Hooper, Wm.

Johous, J. M.  
Kohler, Wm.  
Nettle, W. J.  
Meier, Wm.  
Mitchell, Alex  
Othel, Thos.  
Othel, U. S.  
Prisk, James  
Roberts, R. G.  
Rowe, Enoch  
Green, Robert  
Richards, J. C.

Shaw, S. W.  
Schoonover, H. L.  
Trebilcox, J. F.  
Uren, W.  
Voice, L. D.  
Wettereau, Geo. G.  
Williams, J. H.  
Zepf, J. P.  
Vincent, Geo.

Oriental Encampment No. 57, I. O. O. F.

SAN FRANCISCO.

ORIENTAL ENCAMPMENT No. 57 was instituted July 15, 1876, by H. S. Winn, M. W. G. P., assisted by A. Shepard, M. E. G. H. P. pro tem; J. F. Brown, R. W. G. S. W.; J. F. Miller, R. W. G. S.; B. A. Prindle, R. W. G. J. W. pro tem; David Hunter, R. W. G. T.; Nathan Porter, R. W. G. R.; Geo. T. Bowen, W. G. S. pro tem, with 45 charter members as follows:

Bird, M. J.  
Black, H.  
Blaney, E. W.  
Brooks, T. H.  
Case, G. A.  
Cerf, J.  
Churchill, C.  
Cockrill, R. L.  
Denny, E.  
Dow, J. B.  
Edward, D. H.  
Galloway, W. T.

Hobe, A.  
Homer, J. L.  
Hughes, E. C.  
Highland, H. J.  
Lake, W. B.  
Lane, E.  
Lane, N. W.  
Lane, W. E.  
Lutz, W. E.  
Lyon, W. B.  
Morton, F. R.  
McGowan, C.

Newman, J.  
Peake, A. A.  
Pearson, C.  
Phillips, J. K.  
Pidwell, C. T.  
Prior, J. L.  
Putnam, C. B.  
Rankin, C. E.  
Read, E. B.  
Searles, R.  
Spear, C. J.  
Stevenson, T.

Stone, C. B.  
Tabor, C. W.  
Terrill, C. C.  
Twing, D. H.  
Waters, H. B.  
Watson, D. L.  
Wilson, G. H.  
Wilson, T. K.  
Vanderslice, W. K.

There were 56 initiates also at this meeting. Of the charter members thirteen are still active members. The first elective officers were: C. P., W. T. Galloway; H. P., W. E. Lutz; S. W., C. B. Putnam; R. S., G. A. Case; F. S., F. R. Morton; Treas., C. E. Rankin; J. W., C. C. Terrill; Trustees, C. T. Pidwell, T. H. Brook and W. B. Lyon.



GEO. W. LEMONT,  
High Priest.



GEO. H. WILSON,  
Financial Scribe.



F. P. DULEY,  
Chief Patriarch.



J. T. MCGHEE,  
Senior Warden.



F. W. DERBY,  
Junior Warden.

The membership at the present time, 227; amount paid for sick benefits, \$30,296; funeral and funeral expense, \$4,364.73; donations, \$2,124. Present assets \$12,671.26.

The present elective officers are: F. P. Duley, C. P.; Geo. W. Lemont, H. P.; J. T. McGhee, S. W.; A. Hovey, Scribe; A. H. Kelton, Treas.; Geo. H. Wilson, Financial Scribe; F. W. Derby, J. W.

From its institution, No. 57 was recognized as one of the progressive and active subordinates of the jurisdiction. Its splendid exemplification of the degrees drew large assemblages, and its renditions of the same before the Grand Encampment at the annual sessions has been, and now is, an attractive and educational feature of the sessions.

The lamented Walter B. Lyon was a factor in its history and progress, giving his time and energy to its success up to the day of his death. Its first Chief

Patriarch, W. T. Galloway, afterward Grand Patriarch, is still an active member. The same can be said of E. H. Black, an early member, also a Past Grand Patriarch. James W. Harris, the present Grand Patriarch, is a constant attendant and practical worker. George H. Morrison and Wm. H. Barnes, Past Grand Patriarchs, are members of Oriental, the latter being the present Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment. Moses Greenebaum and Geo. W. Lemont, both earnest and faithful members, have served the Grand Lodge as Grand Treasurer; the latter has been for many years, and is now, the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of this jurisdiction.

Among its charter members was George A. Case, now deceased, who ably served as Grand Master of the State. Also the reliable and faithful Charles C. Terrill, for many years the Chairman on Committee of Laws. Others might be mentioned, who have stood for years steadfast in the cause. The present membership are worthy successors to the pioneers, and a visit to Oriental Encampment on the first and third Saturday evenings of the month will ever repay the visitor.

## LIST OF PAST CHIEF PATRIARCHS:

Adams, J. W.	Ellis, C. J.	Lemont, G. W., G. T.	Spinney, J. C.
Atkins, Job	Fillmore, F.	Luke, M.	Stevenson, T.
Barnes, W. H., P. G. P.	Flint, N. E.	Malcomson, T.	Stone, C. B.
Bird, N. J.	Galloway, W. T., P. G. P.	Moore, E. A.	Thompson, J.
Black, E. H., P. G. P.	Greenebaum, M., P. H. P.	Morrison, G. H., P. G. P.	Twing, D. H.
Black, R. C.	Harris, J. W., G. P.	Phillips, J. K.	Watson, C.
Brackett, E.	Hovey, A.	Potter, W. S.	Werson, L. H.
Bullivant, H. E.	Howell, T.	Rapp, G. A.	Williston, J. M.
Caler, F. E.	Howlett, J. C.	Reed, G. L.	Wilson, G. H.
Cockrill, R. L.	Kelton, A. H.	Russell, J. W.	Wooley, C. M.
Derby, C. W.	Knobel, H.	Simmons, C. W.	
Duncan, A. J.	Lask, H. J.	Spear, C. J.	

## LIST OF ROYAL PURPLE MEMBERS:

Anderson, H.	Gitshau, C.	Malcolm, J. G.	Sampson, A. B.
Anderson, J. H.	Gopchevitch, B. M.	Mangeot, C.	Schaffner, E. S.
Anderson, L. I.	Graves, E. L.	Manner, C. V.	Schmaltz, J.
Anderson, W.	Greenberg, J.	Marsh, R. T.	Schoppe, C. S. W. A.
Applegate, J. J.	Hafer, J.	Martin, C.	Schwartz, R.
Ashworth, F. D.	Hall, W. T.	Martin, W.	Scott, J.
Bachelder, E. M.	Hamilton, H. M.	Mason, C. G.	Seemann, C. F.
Bahrs, J. J.	Hansen, C. K.	Matthews, W. S.	Sephton, H. H.
Ball, J.	Hansen, P.	Mefret, X.	Shufelt, W. J.
Ballinger, W. V.	Hansen, S.	Metcalf, C. L.	Sigler, J. D.
Barto, H.	Hartley, J. D.	Mona, V. J.	Spaulding, F. D.
Beam, A. W.	Haughton, J.	Monteith, G. W.	Stallman, C. C.
Bennink, A. W.	Headrick, A. J.	Morgan, W. J.	Steiner, A.
Berk, M. G.	Henriksen, B. E.	Moulthroppe, C. W.	Stewart, J. W.
Boehm, A. A.	Hepburn, A. J.	McDonald, H. F.	Stinson, J. C.
Bollo, T. G.	Hencermann, G. A.	McGhee, J. T.	Stuart, W. H.
Bond, F. T.	Hilton, F. C.	McGhee, R. J.	Sutherland, A. J.
Boyer, A. N.	Hoffmann, V.	McLean, A.	Thorn, E. J.
Brown, W. W.	Holcomb, G. W.	McMahon, J.	Thomson, S. M.
Burke, C. A.	Holland, T. D.	Ninnis, G. T.	Turner, A. V.
Cant, W. H.	Homer, J. L.	Noble, J. A.	Turner, E. Q.
Chapin, F. E.	Hopkins, M. L.	Nowell, H. W.	Vivian, C.
Clark, H. L.	Hovermann, W.	O'Keefe, J.	Wadman, G. H.
Clausen, H. L.	Hughes, E. F.	O'Neil, C. F.	Wailes, W. J.
Coffin, A.	Hutcheson, D.	Parker, F.	Walbank, E. M.
Collier, G. W.	Jaeger, F. W.	Parry, W. H.	Wall, A. H.
Collins, J. W.	Johnson, W. C.	Patty, G. W.	Warriner, A. E.
Corbett, J. C. F.	Jonas, I.	Pendleton, E. S.	Waschle, G.
Cranford, F. H.	Jones, J. H.	Perry, J. W.	Waters, H. B.
Curtis, J. M.	Kaighin, C. J.	Petersen, J. M.	Webb, W. T.
Daly, J. R.	Kelly, J.	Petersen, N. M.	Weeks, G. R.
Davies, J. D.	Kelton, L. C.	Phillips, W. J.	Welch, C. W.
Derby, F. W.	Klein, F. A.	Pool, J. R.	Weyburn, J. K.
Dorrer, C.	Knutsen, L.	Pool, W. J.	Wheeland, S.
Dow, J. B.	Kornbeck, C. H.	Prior, J. L.	Whims, H.
Downes, A. W.	Leonard, C.	Putzman, H. A.	Whitney, H. K.
Duley, F. P.	Leviston, W.	Rahr, M. J.	Wight, M. F.
Durose, F. F.	Lewis, J.	Ralston, J. A.	Williams, T. A.
Edmonds, W.	Liljefelt, A. A.	Rehnert, C. W.	Williams, T. S.
Edwards, D.	Litchfield, J. M.	Riordan, T. D.	Wimmer, G. W.
Edwards, J.	Lopp, J. A.	Robertson, M. H.	Wiswell, E. S.
Farhner, G. W.	Lowell, J. F.	Robinson, J. M.	Wiswell, C. A.
Fletcher, G. R.	Ludvigsen, N. P.	Rogers, D. J.	Young, T. J.
Forsman, W. T.	Magnussen, P.	Rogers, H.	
Francis, W. S.	Maguire, J. G.	Rudy, B. M.	
Fraser, J. R.	Malcolm, D. C.	Salvar, F.	

# Centennial Encampment No. 58, I. O. O. F.

SAN DIEGO.

CENTENNIAL ENCAMPMENT No. 58, San Diego, California, was instituted August 16, 1876. Meetings held first and third Mondays in each month. Membership 147. The officers are: Thos. A. DeCourcy, C. P.; L. A. Creelman, H. P.; Frank P. Frary, Scribe; J. A. Cohn, Treas.; John Stork, S. W.; N. S. Snyder, J. W.

## LIST OF MEMBERS:

Adams, Frank S.	Fullard, F. C.	Leshner, M. P.	Smith, Bruce
Allyn, Wm. B.	Felhman, A.	Levi, A.	Schachtmayre, J.
Beveridge, Alex	Felhman, H.	Lesinsky, Sam	Shera, Jas.
Bachman, P. F.	Gregory, Ed.	McAuliffe, Thos.	Stahel, A.
Brenning, Jacob W.	Cray, John	McAuliff, H. B.	Stocking, R. F.
Bascomb, D. S.	Gassen, A. G.	McWilliams, J. G.	Seaberg, Chas.
Becker, J. P.	Griffith, C.	McCreesh, Wm.	Schitterer, H.
Banks, Frank S.	Griffith, W. W.	Miller, B. F.	Stead, G. D.
Brusch, V.	Geiger, David	Marquardt, Haus	Schmid, C. H.
Benson, George A.	Hunsaker, N.	Marlette, C. H.	Stork, Jno.
Buker, C. W.	Hazzard, G. W.	Moore, W. P.	Sellers, Chas.
Brown, S. M.	Hadley, W. E.	Manker, James	Snyder, N. S.
Cohn, Jacob A.	Holland, C. F.	Murphy, George S.	Schiller, J. S.
Christensen, J. P.	Harbison, H. R.	Mueller, F. E.	Swallow, C. H.
Creelman, L. A.	Holton, S. H.	Nihell, I. P.	Shaffer, E. E.
Coon, J. D.	Hynding, P.	Nagle, C. A.	Stephens, F.
Creelman, Fred	Hunt, W. C.	Nelson, O.	Tasker, Jos.
Chittenden, C. M.	Hollingsworth, W. P.	Olinger, C. H.	Thing, C. E.
Carson, Wm. H.	Hakes, C. C.	Otto, Geo. F.	Tallman, R.
Collier, D. C., Jr.	Hansen, George	Over, J. F.	Ulrich, E.
Cassie, E.	Haslam, A. E.	Osburn, F. W.	Urban, Geo. A. L.
Cassidy, James H.	Jackson, J. Y.	Prindville, J.	Verlaque, Jeff
Diamond, Frank	Julian, W. A.	Plant, G. W.	Vernon, Jas.
Dievendoff, Horton	Julian, George F.	Pollock, C. D.	Villa, Frank J.
Davis, Wm. J.	Julian, C. H.	Prugh, J. H.	Winter, L.
Dieterle, A.	Johnson, P. L.	Puyeur, S. M.	Winter, C.
Dowell, Thos. J.	Johnstone, H. S.	Phillips, Ed. T.	Whitmore, S.
DeCourcy, Thos. A.	Johnson, A. P., Jr.	Porter, J. M.	Ward, Will J.
Davies, R. E.	Kindler, A.	Ruckert, F. W.	Winsby, E.
Estes, P. W.	Kirkwood, W. J.	Rotnor, George	Whitson, W. W.
Eliaser, Sam	Kaidel, J. T.	Robins, Duke	Wood, Jno. M.
Engelbret, John	Kuhn, Gus	Robinson, F. H.	Winther, P.
Emerson, R. E.	Knox, C. D.	Ruisinger, Wm.	Whatford, Thos.
Epstine, Karl	Kingswood, J.	Ruppenthal, Chas.	Weiland, Ed. L.
Foster, Joseph	Kirby, Lew R.	Reading, J. S.	Young, Will
Frary, Frank P.	Knowles, Geo. H.	Shaw, F. A. T.	Zollner, Fred
Frisbie, L. B.	Lehman, Theo.	Smith, Sam. F.	



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TRANSPORT SHERMAN, LADEN WITH CALIFORNIA BOYS FROM MANILA.  
ENTERING SAN FRANCISCO HARBOR.



# Rebekah Department

We present herewith a short synopsis of the Rebekah Lodges, so far as they responded to our call.



**F**AIR OAKS REBEKAH LODGE No. 4 was instituted January 20, 1894, by Grand Master Simpson. The Lodge started with a membership of twenty, and fifteen of the charter members still remain, Brother S. B. Paige having died and four withdrawn. The elective officers were: Noble Grand, May B. McFarland; Vice Grand, Mary A. Randlett; Secretary, Lizzie G. Vollmar; Treasurer, Ellen Metzgar.

There has been a healthy growth and continued prosperity. The present membership is eighty-four, and the night of meeting Saturday at Odd Fellows' Hall, Park Street and Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.



**C**LOVER LEAF REBEKAH LODGE No. 207 of Ventura, California, was instituted September 11, 1894, by D. D. Rosetta Penrod and the degree staff of White Rose Lodge of Santa Barbara. The charter membership was thirty-four with the following elective officers: Ellen Donlon, N. G.; Addie Richardson, V. G.; Abbie Butcher, Rec. Sec.; Effie Granger, Fin. Sec.; Agnes Charleboise, Treas. The present membership is sixty-nine in good standing. The Lodge has recently moved into a fine new hall, where much better work can be done. The Lodge has not the regulation uniform, but wears a uniform of white. Much interest is manifested by the members in the Orphans' Home, although not much has been done for them yet.



**O**RANGE GROVE REBEKAH LODGE No. 84, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Oroville, California, January 17, 1885, by C. C. Durban, D. D. G. M., acting as G. M. pro tem, assisted by P. G. John J. Smith, Joe Marks, Wm. Schneider, John P. Leonard, Geo. K. Hendel and Charles F. Sadowski, of whom Bros. Marks, Leonard and Sadowski, still survive and are still members. The charter members in addition to the above mentioned were:

## CHARTER MEMBERS:

### BROTHERS:

Featherstone, Wm.	Hoops, Louis W.	Kroeger, F.	Rose, Loughn
Freer, Leon D., P. G.	Jones, Albert F.	Moore, R. A.	Simon, L. A.
Higgins, E., P. G.	Karsner, J. H.	Peterson, N.	Wilcox, C. H., P. G.

### SISTERS:

Higgins, Millie	Peterson, Caroline W.	Sadowski, Rosa A.	Smith, E.
Hoops, Elizabeth	Rose, L.	Simon, H.	Wilcox, Francis A.
Moor, H. A.			

Of whom there survives Bros. E. Higgins, J. H. Karsner, L. A. Simon, A. F. Jones; of these Bros. Karsner, Higgins, Simon and Jones, and Sisters Higgins, Peterson and Sadowski still retain their membership, and are active members of the Lodge. The Lodge was instituted with twenty-seven charter members, now we have a membership of 137. The Lodge is in a very flourishing condition and numbers among its members Past Grand Sister Minerva Karsner, who is Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of which our Lodge feels very proud.

ACME REBEKAH LODGE No. 189 was instituted at Santa Maria January 18, 1893, by Past Grand M. P. Baker, assisted by District Deputy Mrs. Ida Mason and the members of Arroyo Grande Rebekah Lodge. The following are the charter members:

## CHARTER MEMBERS:

## BROTHERS:

Baker, Major P.	Cook, R. D.	Rogers, Newton	Stowell, George
Blosser, Garrett	De Witt, Christopher C.	Rossi, D.	Trott, George Joseph
Blosser, Lorenzo W.	Fleisher, Marks	Schwabacher, Lewis M.	Weaver, George Thomas
Coblentz, Samuel	Morris, William T.		

## SISTERS:

Blosser, Anna	Davis, Rose	Hopkins, Sallie	Stowell, Fannie E.
Blosser, Nellie	De Witt Lora	Morris, Adeline	Trott, Mary E.
Coblentz, Henriette	Dikes, Cora	Morganti, Mary T.	Walker, Emma
Cook, Jinnett	Fleisher, Rachel	Schwabacher, Caroline	Weaver, Mary Elizabeth

Officers were elected and appointed as follows:

## OFFICERS:

Fleisher, Marks, N. G.	Coblentz, Henriette, R. S. N. G.	Weaver, George, T., Chaplain
Weaver, Mary, V. G.	Schwabacher, Caroline, L. S. N. G.	Fleisher, Rachel, Conductor
De Witt, Lora, Sec.	Walker, Emma, R. S. V. G.	Blosser, Nellie, Warden
Trott, Mary, Treas.	Stowell, Fannie, L. S. V. G.	Morris, William T., O. G.

The present membership is 56. The Divine Father has seen fit to remove from their midst two of their most faithful sisters, Jinnett Cook and Adeline Morris. This Lodge has always had an efficient corps of officers. They have the beautified work, and no rituals are used during initiation. A chrysanthemum ball was given in order to raise funds to purchase robes, and the result was more than a success, which showed the energy of the members. They have had the honor of three of their members serving as District Deputies, and have also had the pleasure of visits from Assembly Presidents—Marion Greenwood, Minerva Karsner and Helen Carpenter.

This Lodge has made a donation of twenty-five dollars towards the Orphans' Home, and is in a flourishing condition. The Past Grands are Mary Trott, Nellie Baker, Caroline Schwabacher, Julia Ketcham, Mamie Sedgwich, Rachel Fleisher, Irma Trott.

Peace and harmony prevail among its members, whose labors are untiring in their efforts to make Acme Rebekah Lodge second to none in the State of California.



PETALUMA REBEKAH LODGE No. 226 was instituted May 7, 1897, by Catherina D. Peterson, District Deputy President of District No. 9, assisted by a delegation from Bloomfield Lodge No. 91, with the following charter members: N. G., Ellen T. Smith; Vice Grand, Jennie Gist; Secretary, Ella McPhail; Treasurer, Fannie Nauert; Lewis G. Nay, William Nay, Geo. Lamoreaux, Geo. Edlemann, John S. Blackburn, Frank F. Ennis, Sarah J. Nay, Jennie Ennis, Sadie C. Waddell, Louise Edlemann, Lillian K. Smith, Catherine Russ and Margaret Lamoreaux. We are a very social and prosperous Lodge, and have at present a membership of ninety. Although we are one of the youngest Lodges in the county, we are and always have been free from debt, have fine regalias, and money in the treasury. In the short period of our existence death has claimed two of our members, Bro. Frank Ennis and Sister Laura Hynes. We meet on the first and third Friday at I. O. O. F. Hall, and are prepared at all times to receive and entertain our friends. We have given one bed and \$10 to Orphans' Home.

SANTA BARBARA has always been one of the most prominent towns and ports in California history, but no effort was made to establish a Rebekah Lodge here until August 13, 1891, when White Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 10 was instituted, and on August 2, 1892 (about one year from that time), a dispensation was granted by Grand Master Geo. W. Stockwell to quite a number of brothers and sisters to organize another Rebekah Lodge to be known as Flower City Rebekah Lodge No. 184. The Lodge was properly instituted by D. D. G. M. Wm. H. Stafford, a member of Channel City Lodge No. 232, I. O. O. F., who had been duly commissioned for that purpose.

The charter members of this Lodge are as follows: Bros. W. E. Noble, Adam Ott, Geo. W. Bates, Robert Hanson, Wm. W. Doan, Nicholas B. Warn and Sisters Pluma L. Bates and Dency M. Warn. Of the above charter members there are only two on the roll at the present time. The officers who were installed into their respective Chairs then, by D. D. P. Mary I. Ott, are as follows: N. G., Maud I. Lonergan; V. G., Mable L. Rogers; Sec., Pluma L. Bates; Treas., Laura D. Kirk. Appointed officers were: Ward., Cecilia W. Frost; Cond., Caroline I. Sawyer; I. G., Frank Smith; O. G., Wm. W. Doan; R. S. N. G., Robert Hanson; L. S. N. G., Lulu J. Lloyd; R. S. V. G., Ida J. Hill; L. S. V. G., Mary M. Newman, and Chaplain, Dency M. Warn. The members were as follows:

## MEMBERS:

## BROTHERS:

Burgin, Chas. W.  
Frost, Samuel  
Hall, Wm.  
Hill, L. D.

Kirk, Chas. M.  
Lane, Miles P.  
Lillard, Wm.

Lloyd, Marion  
Lonergan, J. J.  
Newman, W. H.

Rogers, F. F.  
Sawyer, C. I.  
Smith, Frank

## SISTERS:

Burgin, Emma J.  
Clark, Lilla J.  
Frost, Cecelia W.

Hill, Ida J.  
Kirk, Laura D.  
Lloyd, Lulu J.

Lonergan, Maud I.  
Newman, Mary M.  
Rogers, Mable L.

Sawyer, Caroline I.

In the last returns of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge there were fifty-one members on the roll call, with the following officers: A. P. G., Lillian M. Johnson; N. G., Eugenia Thomas; V. G., Glenare Edwards; Sec., Bella Ott; Treas., Jeannetta Ott; Ward., Nora Varney; Cond., Mattie Nichols; I. G., Emma Washburn; O. G., Jas. B. Drake; R. S. N. G., Pluma L. Bates; L. S. N. G., Anna Edwards; R. S. V. G., Etta Sanders; L. S. V. G., Mary I. Ott, and Chaplain, Winnie Gilbert.

The Past Noble Grands on the roll at the present time are, Mary I. Ott, Pluma L. Bates, Grace W. Hanson, Bella Ott, Emma Washburn, Lillian M. Johnson, Eugenia Thomas. The first Noble Grand was Maud I. Lonergan, then Sisters Rosetta Penrod, Laura D. Kirk, Emma J. Burgin, Eliza N. Drake, Mary C. Senter, each followed with one term, and Sister Pluma L. Bates, then served two terms; she was followed in turn by the following sisters: Caroline Hanson, Grace W. Hanson, Bella Ott, Emma Washburn, Lillian M. Johnson, Eugenia Thomas, who each served one term, and they were followed by Sister Glenare Edwards, the present Noble Grand.

The sociability of our members creates an interest amongst those not of our Order, so that when we give any entertainments they are always largely attended.

There have been four deaths in this Lodge, Sister Dency M. Warn and Bro. Nicholas B. Warn, both charter members; also Sister Mary C. Center and Rosetta Penrod, all having crossed over to the great beyond. The last-named sisters were

faithful members, and loved by all who knew them. Both occupied the D. D. P. Chair at the time of their deaths.

This Lodge has had many drawbacks in a financial way, and, although the Rebekahs are not a beneficial organization, we have donated liberally to our own, and visiting members who have been in distress, but at the present time we are progressing favorably. Under the new law which admits all young ladies of eligible age to join, whose relatives are not Odd Fellows, we have taken in quite a number, and have found them to be as zealous and interested members as if they were related to Odd Fellows.

This Lodge at the present time occupies neat apartments in Channel City Hall, which is located about the center of the city, and which was but recently built. This Hall is regarded as one of the best arranged halls in Southern California. On the second floor is quite a large Lodge room, adjoining it is the banquet hall; they are connected with sliding doors, so when the doors are thrown open it makes a very large room. Adjoining these rooms are an anteroom, trustees' room and a kitchen. On the first floor is the main hall, which has quite a large and well-equipped stage. This hall is used considerably by the various social orders and for public gatherings generally.

Flower City Rebekah Lodge No. 184 is prosperous, increasing in membership, and upon its past good work is building well for the future.



**L**OYAL REBEKAH LODGE No. 215 was instituted May 11, 1896, by Grand Master P. F. Gosbey. The moving cause of the organization of this Lodge was the desire on the part of the charter members to cordially support the laws passed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge a short time before, which made eligible to Rebekah Lodges all unmarried ladies of the requisite age, character and residence, whether they were related to Odd Fellows or not. The Lodge started with twenty charter members, nine sisters and eleven brothers, as follows:

#### CHARTER MEMBERS:

##### BROTHERS :

Copsey, A. N., P. G.	Mefret, Xavier, P. G.	Terkelson, J. N.	Walcom, George
Hills, E. H., P. G.	Perry, J. W., P. G.	Turpin, A. W., P. G.	Week, F. A., P. G.
Jacobs, S. R., P. G.	Simpson, J. H., P. G. M.	Warren, Fred W., P. G.	

##### SISTERS :

Bell, Margaret	Hutton, Tillie	Olsson, Bessie T.	Simpson, A. J., P. N. G.
Bell, Margaret J.	McCollister, M. E., P. N. G.	Olsson, Jessie M., P. N. G.	Walcom, Florence E.
Hills, Kitty B.			

Great care has been taken about investigating carefully the character and standing of applicants for membership, so that now when we are celebrating the Jubilee of Odd Fellowship, Loyal Rebekah Lodge has on its rolls in good standing 116 members, the quality of which compares favorably with that of any fraternal organization in the State. The members have endeavored at all times to do what they could to forward the interests of the Order, and the meetings which are held on Monday evenings are nearly always interesting and profitable. In the 3 years of its history, the Lodge has lost only two members by death, Brother and Sister Snook, whose untimely taking off is sincerely regretted.

#### OFFICERS :

Jewell, Ruby A., N. G.	Wright, Jennie F., Conductor	McCollister, Mollie E., L. S. N. G.
Jennings Marjory, V. G.	Simpson, Almira J., Warden	Crossman, Thirza, R. S. V. G.
Brauer, Emma L., R. S.	Cyrus, Eola M., I. G.	McAllister, Carrie, L. S. V. G.
Walcom, Florence E., F. S.	Smith, C. W., O. G.	Linehan, Florence D., Chaplain
Bourne, Ella R., Treas.	Bell, Margaret J., R. S. N. G.	



By FANNIE I. MCCOWEN, Past Noble Grand

**C**ORNELIA REBEKAH LODGE No. 205 located at Ukiah, Mendocino County, is one of the most loyal and devoted daughters within the realm of California Odd Fellowship. It was instituted through the efforts of Mrs. Cornelia White, and with Past Grand Manassa as instituting officer it began life with a membership of thirty-eight, and a full corps of officers, the names of the first four being as follows: Mrs. Helen M. Carpenter, N. G.; Mrs. Bettie Chalfant, V. G.; Mrs. Sallie Thomas, Sec.; Mrs. Belle Smith, Treas.

An organization that is conducted upon a proper footing during the early days of its existence is most likely to succeed. So it was, that this young offshoot of Odd Fellowship flourished and grew apace, having for its first corps of officers a very efficient one, which received the hearty coöperation of the other members of the Lodge, the latter, by the way, being a very important factor in the growth and prosperity of any and every Lodge. Realizing that patience and labor are the alternating rounds in the ladder leading to perfection in Lodge work, as in other things, not one of either was missed by the members of Cornelia Lodge in attaining that end, and they are rightfully and deservedly proud of the result.

The regular meeting nights are the second and fourth Mondays in the month, the meetings being held in I. O. O. F. Hall, which is commodious and well furnished. An organ furnished the music to which the first team kept step in the performance of the floor work, but, as the Lodge grew in number, it became more ambitious and the poor old organ was relegated to a back seat, along with other Past Noble Grands, to give place to its successor, a beautiful piano, which is the property of the Rebekahs. To Cornelia Rebekah Lodge belongs the proud distinction of having been the instigator of, and the first contributor to, the Orphans' Home Library at Gilroy. During the five years of its existence, this Lodge has almost trebled its membership, having now one hundred and one members. The chief officers at present are: Mrs. Mary Orr, N. G.; Mrs. Jennie Edwards, V. G.; Mrs. Nellie Gibson, Sec., and Mrs. Natalie Wurttemberg, Treas.



**P**EARL REBEKAH LODGE No. 181 was instituted March 15, 1892, by Mrs. Mae Henry of Diamond Lodge No. 157. The charter membership consisted of twenty-five brothers and nineteen sisters. The first elected officers were: C. P. Morsley, P. G.; Earnestine Welch, N. G.; Cora Hotchkiss, V. G.; Florence Pelton, Secretary; D. C. Pelton, Financial Secretary; Jennie Lauourette, Treasurer. The present officers are: Cora Ragsdale, P. G.; Mollie Zununalt, N. G.; Mary Husted, V. G.; Jean Long, Secretary; Ida Manor, Financial Secretary, and Mary Graser, Treasurer.

The total membership at present is fifty-six. Death has taken three members and four have withdrawn. The visits of Grand Master P. F. Gosby, Marion Greenwood, G. P. of the Assembly, and Minerva Karsner, Past Grand of the Assembly, will be remembered by this Lodge with pleasure, and have been an incentive to a continuation of good work by the Lodge.

This Lodge is at present in a prosperous and flourishing condition, the members loving the Order, and taking an active interest in its welfare. One of its most pleasant and prominent characteristics is the harmony prevailing among the brothers and sisters, for they all labor together, and thus accomplish twofold good.



GROUP OF REBEKAHS, SAN LUIS OBISPO REBEKAH LODGE No. 210, I. O. O. F.

SAN LUIS OBISPO REBEKAH LODGE No. 210, I. O. O. F., was instituted on Thursday evening, November 5, 1895, Sister M. J. Cass, D. D. officiating as installing officer, assisted by Past Grands J. D. Fowler, H. K. Cass, Wm. Herman and Sisters Brocksceib, E. Slocomb, J. H. Slocomb, Currier, Fowler and Brothers Brocksceib, E. Hawkins, all of Cayucos Rebekah Degree Lodge No. 196, under and by a dispensation of the Grand Lodge of the State of California.

There were 37 members admitted under the charter, and the following are their names:

## CHARTER MEMBERS:

## BROTHERS:

Bradford, Walter L., P. G.	Greenfield, C. T., P. G.	McCabe, L. A.	Payne, George M.
Cook, James W., P. G.	Hansen, J. H., P. G.	McCabe, George W., P. G.	Pinho, A. G.
Crittenden, Thomas T.	Haskins, C. A.	Meredith, D. M., P. G.	Ryan, M. E., P. G.
Deiss, George F.	Krill, F. A.	Oreutt, J. H., P. G.	Throop, George H., P. G.
Fuller, W. E.	Lohr, George J., P. G.	Osgood, H. F., P. G.	

## SISTERS:

Bradford, Annie M., P. N. G.	Greenfield, Alice E., P. N. G.	McCabe, Cordelia, P. N. G.	Rodgers, Damarius
Cook, Maggie L.	Hansen, Hester Annie	Oreutt, Minnie F., P. N. G.	Ryan, Bina L., P. N. G.
Crittenden, Therse	Ivens, Hester P.	Payne, Catharine M.,	Stokes, Josie Belle
Deiss, Mary	Klaueke, Catharine	P. N. G.	Throop, Carrie, P. N. G.
Dunbar, Mable	Krill, Chonita	Peyran, Maria A.	

Of the 37 members at the commencement of the organization, 25 retain their membership, a large majority of whom are regular attendants at Lodge meetings. Our Lodge has had a very gradual growth, and the aim has been rather for quality than quantity of members with a unity of purpose as our guiding star.

Our present membership is 73, and great interest is taken in the Order, and we ever strive to assist each other in all ways and at all times. Since the establishment of the Orphans' Home, at Gilroy, our Lodge has aided that institution as much as our limited means would allow; we hope to do more in the future than in the past.

Our Degree Staff did exceptionally good work in July, when our worthy President, Sister Carpenter, visited our Lodge. The members seldom, if ever, having to use the ritual during the initiatory work; all of which was highly commended by our worthy President.

Our regular meetings are held on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month, at I. O. O. F. Hall, Monterey Street. We have never missed a meeting since the organization of the Lodge, and our average attendance is 35. The following comprise our present membership:

## LIST OF MEMBERS:

## BROTHERS:

Bradford, Walter W., P. G.	Ivens, E. C.	Moore, Harvey	Schneider, John H. W.
Barlow, Charles A., P. G.	Kiddoo, Joseph David	Nelson, Albert	Throop, George H., P. G.
Cook, James W., P. G.	Klaueke, H. G.	Nichols, Samuel D.	Unangst, E. P.
Carpenter, Halsey H.	Klaueke, Henry	O'Neil, Terrence	Van Schaick, Jackson E.
Eastman, John C.	Lewis, Jesse	Oreutt, J. H., P. G.	Viers, Lutens
Fuller, W. E.	Lohr, George J., P. G.	Ollar, Henry D., P. G.	Woods, Victor H.
Greenfield, C. T., P. G.	McCabe, George W., P. G.	Payne, George M.	Wright, Samuel V.
Haskins, C. A.	McCabe, L. A.	Pattison, Thomas	
	McManus, L. M.	Ryan, M. E., P. G.	

## SISTERS:

Bradford, Annie M., P. N. G.	Greenfield, Alice E., P. N. G.	Nelson, Daisy	Stokes, Josie Belle
Barlow, Lizzie	Hansen, Maggie	Oreutt, Minnie Flonda,	Soderstrom, Hilda
Bynum, Kate	Hall, Mary I.	P. N. G.	Thomson, Nellie C.
Cook, Maggie L.	Ivens, Hester P.	Pollard, Josephine	Throop, Carrie, P. N. G.
Dunbar, Mable	Jansen, Lizzie	Pollard, Frankie	Unangst, Anita Murray
Dunbar, Ella	Klaueke, Catharine	Payne, Catharine M.,	Van Schaick, Emily
De Nis, Irene Floy	Lewis, Celestia, N. G.	P. N. G.	Viers, Amelia
Elliott, Mary	Lowenstein, Bertha	Pattison, Mary	Wilson, Olive
Felts, Irene	Müller, Katie	Rodgers, Damarius	Winchester, Mattie A.
Fuller, Cora E. H.	McManus, Emma	Ryan, Bina L., P. N. G.	Yarrington, Grace
Green, Mable	McCabe, Cordelia, P. N. G.	Scott, Maud, V. G.	





GROUP OF MODERN REBEKAH, MISSION REBEKAH LODGE No. 225, I. O. O. F.



**M**ISSION REBEKAH LODGE No. 225, I. O. O. F., was instituted on May 1, 1897, by Grand Master J. W. Warboys, with the following charter members:

## CHARTER MEMBERS:

## BROTHERS:

Fonier, E.	Hurst, F. J.	Keeler, Geo. W.	Wimmer, Geo. N.
Holcomb, Geo. W.			

## SISTERS:

Crawford, Rena J.	Holeomb, Lillie B.	Quinton, Lucy	Wimmer, Gertrude
Currier, Alice B., P. N. G.	Hunter, Emma	Quinton, Mary	Wimmer, Kate
Fonier, Alice	Hurst, Mary B.	Williston, Amanda, P. N. G.	

The staff from Templar Rebekah Lodge No. 19, Sister Peach, N. G., initiated thirteen applicants. Sister Peterson, D. D. G. M., installed the following first set of officers: P. N. G., Alice Fonier; N. G., Lillie B. Holcomb; V. G., Lucy Quinton; Rec. Sec., Gertrude Wimmer; Fin. Sec., Alice B. Currier; Treas., Mary B. Hurst. This enterprising little Lodge doubled its membership during the first term, and has kept up a steady increase up to date. Each retiring Past Noble Grand is presented with a handsome emblematic jewel.

This little Lodge was the first to take up the entertaining of subordinate Lodges in a body. The same having proved to be a great benefit both socially and fraternally. Mission Rebekah is also noted for her unique entertainments, the same always proving a success both socially and financially. The accompanying cut is but a fair representation of the youth and beauty of Mission Rebekah No. 225, I. O. O. F.



**O**RIOLE REBEKAH LODGE No. 217 was instituted on Saturday afternoon, October 10, 1896, by I. W. Warboys, M. W. G. M., assisted by Lucy C. Phillips, District Deputy, and fifteen members from Castle Lake Lodge No. 6, Sisson. The charter members were the following named sisters and brothers:

## CHARTER MEMBERS:

Arthur, Lillian	Branstetter, W. J., P. G.	Ehret, C.	Scholes, S. C., P. G.
Branstetter, Susan	Ehret, Susan	Hudson, S. C.	Scholes, Eliza J.
	Sheafor, M. Gussie		

Of the nine charter members, all retain their membership. The Lodge motto being, "Quality in preference to quantity," progress in membership was not as rapid as it otherwise might have been, still in the three years of our life, we feel that our growth has been almost phenomenal, as we have only lost, by cards and otherwise, nine members, which will be more than equaled by December 31, 1899, judging by the applications now on hand.

## NAMES OF MEMBERS:

Arthur, Lillian	Bills, Ada	Hudson, S. C.	Scholes, Eliza J., P. N. G.
Arthur, Frank	Basham, H. B., P. G.	Hübsch, Allie, P. N. G.	Scholes, G. C., P. G.
Bingham, Margaret F.	Branstetter, Anna	Lee, Josephine	Stoddard, Fannie F.
Bissell, Mina J., D. D. G. P.	Bridgefarmer, Dora	Law, Tammy	Sheafor, M. Gussie, P. N. G.
Brown, Lecetta	Bills, Chas.	McCarville, Delia	Payton, Nora A.
Bissell, E. A.	Brown, Lida	McPherson, Mary E.	Payton, Henry B.
Bingham, M. F.	Brown, M. M., P. G.	McKaskey, Mary E.	Walker, Ella M.
Branstetter, Susan, P. N. G.	Ehret, Susan	McCarville, J.	Walker, Frank J.
Braustetter, W. J., P. G.	Ehret, C.	Neville, Minniete	
Basham, Anna, P. N. G.	Griggs, Malinda	Sheafor, J. J.	

**S**EUOIA REBEKAH LODGE No. 124, I. O. O. F., was instituted October 1, 1887, by W. W. Wood, District Deputy Grand Master for the Subordinate Lodges of this district, assisted by the officers and members of Calaveras Rebekah Lodge No. 88, of Mokelumne Hill. The charter members were the following named brothers and sisters:

#### CHARTER MEMBERS:

##### BROTHERS:

Agostini, Jules J.	Krim, Henry	Salcido, Jabier	Wood, William W.
Barniscornia, Frank	McAdams, Edmund	Salcido, Louis	Steffler, William H.
Foster, Edward A.	Nichols, George	Terwilliger, Lorenzo P.	
Getchell, Clarence W.	Oeters, John	Tiscornia, Giralomo	
Hall, Austin H.	Steel, John	Wyllie, Alfred L.	

##### SISTERS:

Agostini, Theresa	Krim, Rhoda	Salcido, Lucy C.	Wiggin, Maud H.
Barniscornia, Julia	McAdams, Ada	Salcido, Manuela G.	Wiggin, Ella S.
Dasso, Mary	Nichols, Johanna	Salcido, Elise	Washburn, Mary
Getchell, Clotilde	Oeters, Catarina	Salcido, Lizzie	Wells, Mary A.
Hall, Annie M.	Steel, Phillipini	Terwilliger, Annie	

Of the thirty-six charter members, eighteen retain their membership. At present our membership is fifty-six. Financially we are well-to-do, having been fortunate in meeting with few reverses, though we have from time to time rendered pecuniary assistance to distressed worthy members, and have contributed financially to the Orphans' Home. Sister Tillie Getchell, Past Noble Grand of this Lodge, is at present District Deputy President of District No. 38, in which is our Lodge.

#### LIST OF MEMBERS:

##### BROTHERS:

Agostini, Jules J.	Floyd, Enos F.	Mester, Joseph H.	Towle, Frank Z.
Altmeyer, John M.	Getchell, Clarence W.	Roberts, James W.	Ward, James H.
Bennett, Joseph G.	Guttinger, Henry	Smith, Edward	Wells, Joseph H.
Barniscornia, Frank	Holland, Judson A.	Steel, John	Wesson, Henry
Bosse, Henry E.	Kean, Charles H.	Steel, George	Wyllie, Alfred L.
Burns, William J.	La Riviere, Nelson P.	Steffler, William H.	Zwinge, Edward C.
Feleppini, David	Leonard, Robert	Terwilliger, Lorenzo P.	

##### SISTERS:

Agostini, Rosa A.	Getchell, Clotilde J.	Roberts, Helena	Terwilliger, Annie
Armstrong, Minerva	Harney, Lucie	Salcido, Adelene	Towle, Sophia
Bastian, Annie	Hengen, Minnie	Salcido, Elsie	Wells, Mary A.
Bence, Mary, Sr.	Holland, Marietta	Salcido, Lizzie	Wells, Hannah
Bence, Mary, Jr.	McAdams, Ada M.	Smith, Ella	Zwinge, Kate
Barniscornia, Julia	Mester, Marie	Smith, Delia	
Branch, Lottie M.	Nichols, Johanna	Steel, Phillipini	
Burns, Christina E.	Lafranchie, Tillie	Steel, Ella E.	



**N**ORTHERN REBEKAH LODGE No. 208, I. O. O. F., was organized at Alturas on April 22, 1895, by Bro. O. P. Kistler, P. G., assisted by the following instituting officers: Peter Guler, A. M. Miller, A. Gagnon, Mrs. Iva S. Raker, Alma Galt and John E. Raker, and the following charter members being enrolled:

#### CHARTER MEMBERS:

##### BROTHERS:

Dorris, A. F.	Guler, Peter	Parker, John R.	Raker, John E.
Gagnon, A.	Miller, A. M.	Raker, C. A.	Sunnafrank, Frank

##### SISTERS:

Dorris, Rachel L.	Poore, Zonnetta A.	Raker, Mary L.	Williams, Anna L.
Parker, Alice	Raker, Iva Mrs.	Wiley, Ida L.	

From the small number of fifteen members at organization, the Lodge has steadily grown, until now it has a membership of thirty-nine. During the present terms its officers are as follows:

#### PRESENT OFFICERS:

Lighty, May, A. P. G.	Williams, Anna L., Treas.	Dorris, Edgar, O. G.
Williams, Vetteleene, N. G.	Dorris, Mary M., Ward.	Raker, Mary L., R. S. N. G.
Pope, Berta, V. G.	Archer, Susie, Cond.	Lauer, Marx, L. S. N. G.
Raker, Clarence A., Rec. Sec.	Raker, Iva S., Chap.	
Scammon, Ellsworth G., Per. Sec.	Raker, J. E., I. G.	

This Lodge comprises a district of itself, being District No. 63, of which Anna L. Williams is D. D. P.

**B**ROOKLYN REBEKAH LODGE No. 12, I. O. O. F., was instituted in Brooklyn, now East Oakland, on July 8, 1872, by D. D. G. M. W. J. Gurnett, with twenty-eight charter members. It was a beneficial Lodge from its institution, until 1878, when a resolution was adopted to take in social members. This continued until 1895, when the Sovereign Grand Lodge decided that Lodges must be either beneficial or nonbeneficial. Brooklyn Lodge, therefore, became a nonbeneficial Lodge, as the social members were greatly in the majority. At the present time, it is an enthusiastic Lodge with a membership of one hundred and twenty-seven, and of the twenty-eight charter members only six remain. The staff of elective officers for the present term are: Sister May L. Curtis, Noble Grand; Nellie Seip, Vice Grand; Louise Holmer, Financial Secretary; Anna M. Liese, Treasurer.



**A**MITY REBEKAH LODGE No. 161, I. O. O. F., was instituted in San Francisco, California, in Eureka Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, Saturday evening, October 11, 1890, by Grand Master John Glasson. The following officers were elected for a term of nine months, and were duly installed in their respective Chairs by District Deputy Grand Master Mary C. Seymore and her staff: P. N. G., Rebecca C. Hucks; N. G., Amanda J. Williston; V. G., Antoinette Shaw; Rec. Sec., Sarah C. Crawford, Fin. Sec., Lillie M. Layng; Treas., Elizabeth E. Welby; Chaplain, Dora Brown.

Thirty-four members signed the charter, two joined by card, and nineteen were initiated, making a total of fifty-five members for the evening. Amity is strongly represented at the Orphans' Home, having a room completely furnished in her name, and also credit of further donations of a large number of quilts, comforts, etc. September 1, 1899, shows the Lodge in a very prosperous condition, and a steady increase in membership; 154 active sisters and brothers are enrolled on the constitution. The present officers, who are very efficient and give the work in a most creditable manner, are: P. N. G., Laura L. Lowrie; N. G., Annie R. Farnham; V. G., Lela M. Ziegler; Rec. Sec., Lizzie E. Braley; Fin. Sec., Julia Z. Gibbs; Treas., Sarah M. Thompson; Chaplain, Lizzie Cummings. The Lodge meets every Saturday evening, and all members of the Order are cordially invited to attend.



**O**RIOLE REBEKAH LODGE No. 217, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Dunsuir, California, October 10, 1896, with the following nine charter members: Sisters E. J. Scholes, S. Branstetter, S. C. Hudson, S. Ehret, G. Sheafor, and Brothers W. J. Branstetter and C. Ehret. Grand Master Bro. Warboys and District Deputy Sister Phillips officiated at its institution, assisted by fifteen members from Castle Lake Lodge No. 6, Sisson.

The first elective officers of this infant Lodge were: Noble Grand, Sister E. J. Scholes; Vice Grand, Sister A. Basham; Secretary, Sister G. Sheafor; Financial Secretary, Sister M. Bissell and Treasurer, Sister A. Davidson. Since the time when these first few members assumed the obligations of Odd Fellowship, the Lodge has grown in numbers and otherwise almost phenomenally. Every undertaking of this Lodge has been crowned with success, and the members look forward to a long and useful life in the duties and pleasures of their chosen Order.

**FERN REBEKAH LODGE No. 227, I. O. O. F.**, was instituted at Pescadero, California, July 31, 1897, by instituting officer G. M. A. M. Drew, assisted by G. S. Mrs. Mary E. Donoho. The Lodge opened at 4 p. m., and six candidates were initiated and Lille E. Dearborn, of Olive Branch No. 48, was admitted by card. The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation: Miss Annie E. Shaw, N. G.; Mrs. Lizzie G. Pinkham, V. G.; Mrs. Mattie E. Good, Secretary; Miss Cecile Levy, Treasurer.

The evening session of the Lodge opened in ritual form, G. M. A. M. Drew presiding. Seven visitors from Elmwood Lodge No. 13 were present. Grand Master invited Noble Grand Sister Alt of No. 13 to confer the Degree, and twenty-three candidates were initiated.

A donation of \$25 from Pescadero Lodge No. 226, I. O. O. F., was granted Fern Lodge. On motion a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered them for their kindness. It was decided by a vote of the Lodge to have the second and fourth Saturday evenings of each month the regular nights of meeting. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the members of Elmwood Lodge for their kindness and assistance. Fern Lodge has been organized two years, and has thirty charter members; gained by initiation 15. The present officers are: Miss Mamie O. Leighton, N. G.; Miss Ethel C. Dearborn, V. G.; Mrs. Lizzie G. Pinkham, Secretary; Miss Laura Jackson, Treasurer.



I. J. TRUMAN

I. J. Truman is the present City and County Treasurer; President of the Columbian Banking Co., the University of the Pacific, Civic Federation, City Church Extension Society and Central Republican League; Treasurer of Young Men's Christian Association, Fred Finch and San Francisco Methodist Orphanages, and has been associated as Director with many benevolent organizations since his arrival in San Francisco in 1867, having previously resided in Sacramento since April, 1861. He joined El Dorado Lodge in September, 1892, and Pacific Encampment No. 2, I. O. O. F., in 1893; passed through all the Chairs while in Sacramento and belongs to the Lodge and Encampment there. During his whole life he drew \$10 sick benefit, which he donated to the Lodge. His voice is often heard for clean politics, and, though a Republican, does not hesitate to denounce corruption wherever found.



W. M. MCCOLLISTER, Past Grand

W. M. McCollister, P. G., the subject of this sketch, was born in the State of Michigan. Was initiated in Northcraft Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 228, of Topeka, Kansas, in the year 1887. Came to San Francisco in 1891; joined Apollo Lodge No. 123 by deposit of card in 1893; passed the Chairs and became a Past Grand in 1895. Was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 55 for 1896 and 1897. He is a member of Loyal Rebekah Lodge No. 215; also a life member of California Lodge No. 1, F. and A. M.





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Chairman.



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